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VAMPIRES AT U.S. MARINES

Fanged fiends bite 5 soldiers during 16-hour bloodbath!

A HIGH-LEVEL hush-hush Army report reveals that shocked U.S. Marines stumbled upon a nest of vicious vampires in a dark Afghan cave and engaged in a 16-hour firefight before destroying the bloodthirsty fiends.

By JUSTIN MITCHELL

According to classified U.S. Defense Department documents leaked to *Weekly World News*, five of the Marines were bitten by the ferocious creatures and are now being held in a top secret underground military facility in West Virginia. They're being kept under observation to make sure they don't turn into blood-sucking fiends, too.

"It's touch and go," said a top-level military intelligence source, speaking under the condition of anonymity. "These troops sustained vicious fang wounds and based on what we know of vampire lore, they aren't out of the woods yet.

"These have already exhibited discomfort with natural lighting and two others became violently ill after ingesting a meal that included garlic bread.

"Visits from a Catholic priest have also resulted in some awkward incidents in which all five seemed to be physically repulsed by his rosary beads."

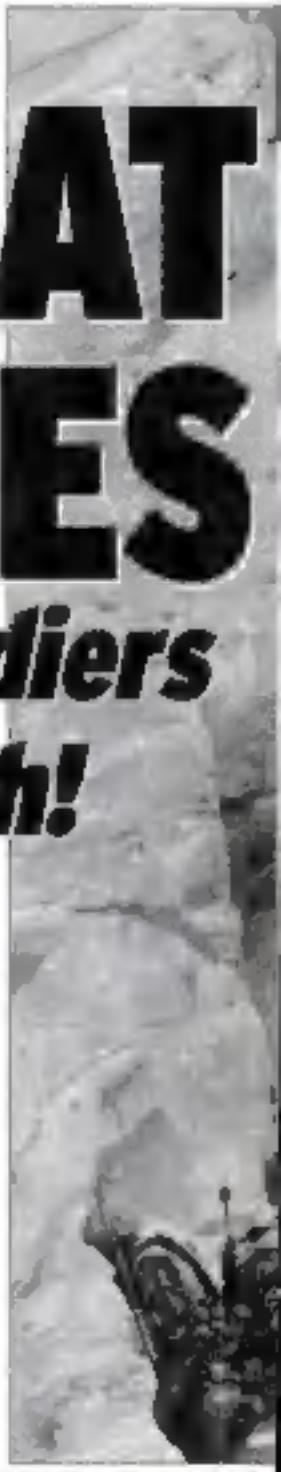
According to the military report, the strange, highly charged encounter began on April 1 when the squad of "tunnel rats" was clearing out a complex of caves in the mountains 60 miles east of Gardez, the capital of Paktia province.

After four 1-ton "thermobaric" bombs, which send suffocating blasts through cave complexes, pounded the area, the Marines moved in to root out surviving supporters of Osama bin Laden.

According to the top secret document: "After nearly 30 minutes inside the complex, the personnel encountered no resistance and discovered the remains of 27 suspected Taliban supporters, along with debris such as political and religious tracts, pita bread, hummus, posters of Osama bin Laden, videotapes of *Seventy-Two Virgins Handfeeding Honeyed Sesame Cakes to Martyrs in Paradise Vols. 1-17* and what appeared to be inflatable vinyl life-size goat and sheep 'dolls' believed to be used for 'recreational purposes'.

"But upon discovering and entering a hole 5 meters from the cavern's presumed headquarters, the personnel were unexpectedly engaged in resistance by an estimated 12 individuals described as 'Dracudas with turbans.'"

"It can only be described as bizarre," said the military source. "We've recovered the so-called vampire corpses and they are undergoing autopsies and forensic tests, but all of them range in



canine 'fangs,' large pointed ears, hairy palms, red pupils, unnaturally swollen, scarlet lips and receding hairlines.

"Their tracheas and no shadows and none of their images are reflected in any mirrors or shiny objects – such as autopsy tools – that we possess."

MARINES going cave-by-cave in search of Taliban holdouts were not prepared for the bloodsucking

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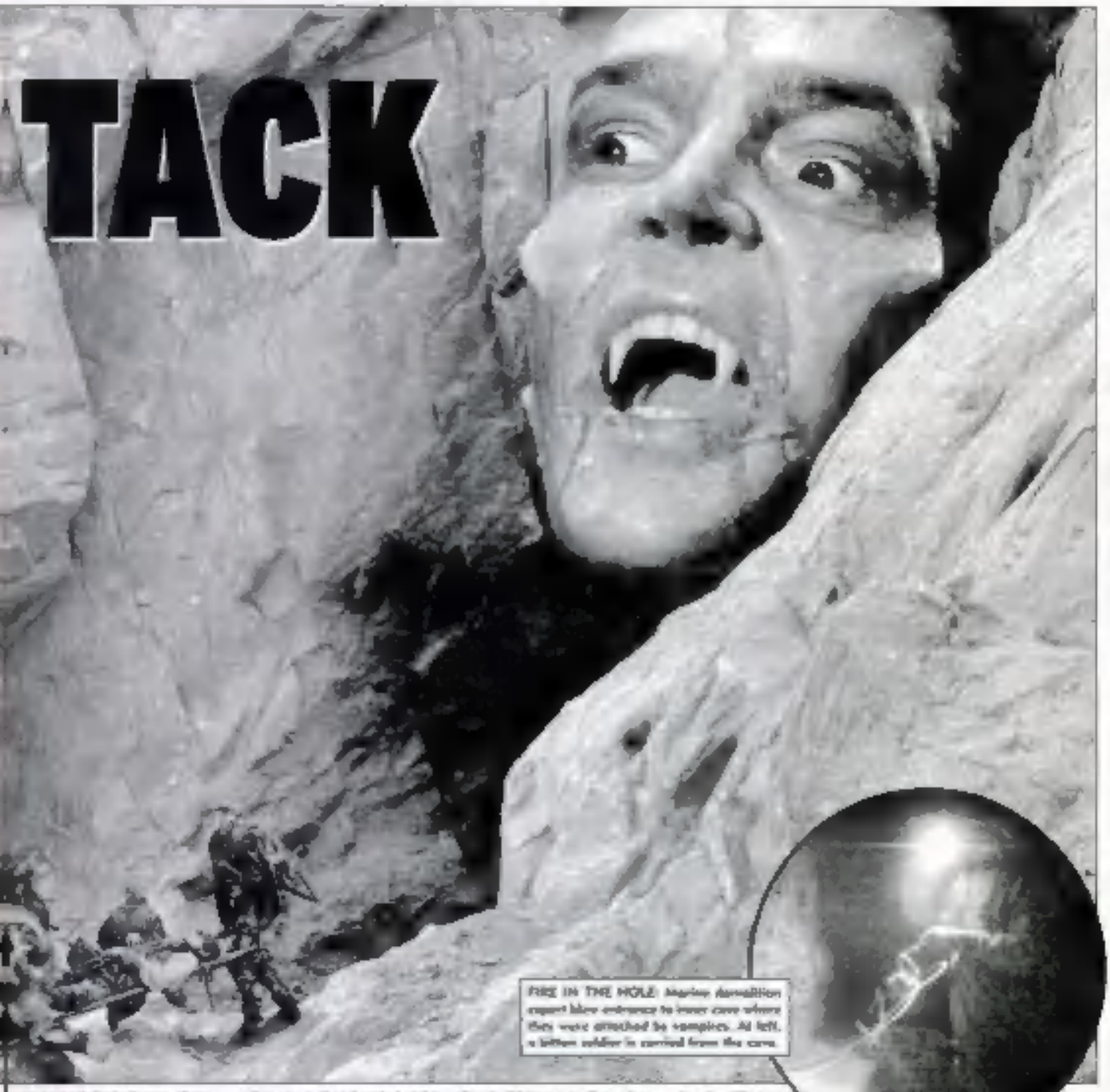

FIRE IN THE HOLE: Marine demolition expert blows entrance to inner cave where they were attacked by vampires. At left, a fallen soldier is carried from the cave.

quarreled but threw themselves snarling and growling and snapping at the soldiers.

"The bullets had no effect, except to momentarily stun and delay the attackers," said the source. "Our boys were outnumbered and had no idea what they were up against or how to overcome these demons."

After one turban-headed night creature lunged and bit a lance corporal on his exposed neck, a crucifix around the marine's neck was also exposed during the frenetic struggle and his bloodthirsty attacker immediately shrank back, cowering and howling in fright.

[illegible] front of him as well as shoving it in the faces of the fiends attacking his fellow troops.

"It was like a miracle," said the source. "The ghouls began whimpering and cowering — they were subdued enough to allow the other seven marines to goad them toward the cave entrance where the wall-to-wall carnage [illegible] long. Villagers overwhelming the marines and attacked the creature creatures, pounding stakes through their hearts while babbling excitedly about 'destroying the fanged, foul-breathed seed of Gehenna' — a reference to a mythic Afghan [illegible] and by all authorities in the secret medical facility nervously await the next full moon.

"We're hoping for the best," said the source. "But if they do transform, we're hop-

SEX SHOCKER!

Hunk, 25 falls for granny, 72!

Live-in lovers Betty Dodson and Eric Wilkinson are crazy about each other — even though she's a grandmotherly 72 years old and he's a spring chicken of 25!

And, despite the nearly half-century age difference, the lovebirds can't stop raving about their fabulous sex life!

"We've spent entire days in bed together," camera-shy Eric, who's not pictured, told the online magazine Salon, which ran a profile on him and his long-in-the-tooth lover.

Delighted Betty added, "We're always hugging and tickling and stroking."

The offbeat May-December romance is reminiscent of the 1971 cult classic *Harold and Maude* in which the late Ruth Gordon played a free-spirited 79-year-old who ends up befriending and then bedding a twenty-something man.

"Oh sure, we got Harold-and-Maude teasing," Betty said. "So, I'm so much older. But so what? When men have girlfriends or marry much younger women, no one bats an eye."

The odd couple live together in the oldster's swank Manhattan apartment.

While Betty could easily be Eric's grandmother she's not just a little old lady — she's one of America's leading sex gurus. The spry senior holds a Ph.D. in sexology, produces sexy-ed videos and sex toys and is the author of a groundbreaking book on self-love, titled *Sex for One*. And she's done plenty of "hands-on" research over the decades — including group sex parties in the '60s.

"I must have had sex with 1,000 men and women," she guesstimates.

By contrast, Eric grew up in conservative Virginia, in a staid middle-class home.

In college, he wanted to study human sexuality but found himself frustrated.

"They didn't have any courses in what I wanted to learn," he said in the interview "I wanted better sexual skills. I wanted coaching."

Then he read Betty's book and was blown away by the nitty-gritty, how-to details.

In 1999, he began writing her and they corresponded via e-mail for months.

Finally Eric wrangled a visit — and came determined to bed the elderly expert. That Betty had been around the block — many, many a time — didn't faze him.

"Women lovers my own age were inhibited, not very creative," he explained. "What I wanted was a sexual mentor and Betty seemed like the perfect woman."

For the frisky senior citizen, too, it was lust at first sight.

"The kid was so

A 25-year-old man has a bizarre romance with a 79-year-old gal in the 1971 flick *Harold and Maude*.

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EX-LESBIAN Betty Dodson is still a knockout in her 70s.

desirable, a gorgeous 6-foot hunk," she recalled. "We went out to lunch, returned to my apartment and had four hours of very hot sex."

Erik admits he had some jitters about what it would be like hitting the sheets with a woman three times his age. But he found she was amazingly well-preserved.

"When we got naked that first time, I was very pleasantly surprised," he said. "Betty looked nothing like my vision of what a 69-year-old woman ought to look like. She's taken very good care of herself."

When he told his parents about the relationship, they were shell-shocked.

"At first, my mom was afraid Betty was taking advantage of me," he said. "My dad didn't say much beyond, 'Come on home. Drop this fantasy. Get a life.'"

Instead, David moved in and now handles the business end of Betty's smut.

"For a while, Betty's friends thought I was sponging off her," he said. "That stopped when they saw how much help it was and how happy we both were."

Betty, who describes herself as not only Eric's lover, but also "his mother, grandmother and auntie," couldn't care less what outsiders think about the age difference.

"Age is just a number," she proclaimed.

— By GEORGE SANFORD

Sharon's a girl with a little something extra. Instead of whining "I feel so fat" and hiding her ballooning bod in a tent-like maternity dress, this Atlanta mom-to-be is proud as a Georgia peach over her swell figure. And the 27-year-old cutie, who's on maternity leave from her job as head baker at a bun factory, isn't the only one. Sharon reports that when she's wearing her matching hotpants and tube top outfit in the

MUMMY FOUND IN

Authorities have discovered the mummified remains of a man who died 20 years ago — while waiting in a telephone booth for an important call!

By VICKIE YORK
Weekly World News

Officials in Sandakan, Malaysia, say John Ngiam's corpse was found propped up in the run-down, long-defunct phone booth on the outskirts of a small outlying town — still patiently waiting for a call that would never come.

The macabre discovery was made by phone company workers, who were belatedly executing an order to remove the out-of-service telephone booth.

Investigators say foul play has been ruled out. "The exact cause of death has not yet been determined, but our guess is that the victim succumbed to dehydration while standing for several days in the hot phone booth," said police spokesman Capt. Law Gook Chin.

Rice farmer Ngiam, a father of five, dropped off the face of the Earth at age 41 on Aug. 12, 1982 — and no one ever looked for him in the phone booth, tucked away behind a grocery store that had closed seven months earlier.

"From what investigators have been able to gather from examining phone logs, Mr. Ngiam placed a call to a sweepstakes company after receiving a letter telling him he might have won a large sum of money," said Capt. Chin.

"He was told to leave a phone number where he could be reached, and when he explained that he didn't have a phone of his own, the operator took the number of the booth and told him to sit tight, she'd call back and let him know if he'd won.

"He excitedly agreed to wait.

"Unfortunately, unbeknownst to him, about two hours later, the phone company shut off service to the underutilized phone.

"But Mr. Ngiam was a very determined man — he literally waited until he died."

Experts who've examined the body call it "a unique case" of natural mummification.

"The telephone booth formed an almost perfect seal against moisture, bacteria and the elements," explained Dr. Ng Ho Peng, chairman of the pathology department at Pulau Pinang Medical College. "The body simply dried out and froze stiffly in position after undergoing rigor mortis.

"This type of natural mummification is quite common in dry, arid desert regions, but is almost unheard of in Southeast Asia. You can be sure I'll be using slides of the unfortunate Mr. Ngiam in lectures for years to come."

Ironically, investigators say it turns out Ngiam really DID win the sweepstakes and was entitled to win the equivalent of nearly $7 million U.S. money — enough to handsomely support the impoverished rice farmer, his wife, five children and 11 sisters for the rest of their lives.

But since the company

THE VILLAGE where John Ngiam lived with his family shortly before he vanished.

Newlyweds to do it again after groom loses memory!

English newlyweds are getting hitched for a second time after the forgetful groom lost his memory in a honeymoon traffic wreck and forgot they were married.

Hendrew Morgan got amnesia after the motorcycle they were riding crash during their honeymoon in Thailand.

After spending 17 months in the hospital recovering, he refused to believe he was married to Liz. They have decided to have a renn of the wedding so Hendrew can believe he's really married. He has seen the wedding video and wedding photos but still believes it was simply a fancy dress party.

Hendrew said: "I need to feel the experience of marrying before I see it is true. I'm looking forward to marrying Liz. I owe everything to her."

They also plan another

Frogs clogging British johns!

An invasion of frogs has been blamed for clogged public toilets in Eurobodalla, New South Wales.

Dozens of them were discovered in the johns, sitting on the flaps that let the bowls refill.

City workers are now developing "frog friendly" plans to evict the green squatters and have promised, "no frogs will be harmed" in the

PHONE BOOTH

— STILL WAITING FOR A CALL!

was unable to reach him, they gave the prize to a runner-up.

Family members, who are badly shaken by news of the grisly discovery, say they last saw Ngiam on the afternoon of Aug. 12, 1982, shortly after the mall event.

"Father told us he had some wonderful news that might change all our lives, but he wanted it to be a surprise," recalls his daughter Lucy Ngiam, now 38. "He said, 'I'll be home soon' — and that's the last we ever heard of him. We never knew where he went."

Frantic family members searched high and low for the missing farmer, recruiting friends and relatives in the effort and even largest city, where Ngiam was rumored to have an old girlfriend.

But no one thought to check the phone booth, less than half a mile from the family compound.

"By that time, everyone in town knew the old phone didn't work," explains the victim's brother, Stephen Ngiam.

The mummy was discovered on March 5, 2002 after a work order to remove the telephone booth was found behind a phone company Xerox machine.

"When we saw a man standing in the phone booth, we were surprised because we knew it had been out of service for 20 years," one of the workmen told a Malaysian

ANIMALS HURLED SKY-HIGH IN SICK NEW OUTDOOR SPORT

Cruel fat cats use catapults to send critters flying!

BEER-GUZZLING, goose-stepping German fat cats are getting their jollies from a barbaric new "sport" in which helpless animals are sent flying hundreds of feet in the air by medieval catapults!

Scores of innocent animals, including deer, pigs, sheep, rabbits and even cows have been launched airborne in what outraged critics call "a reckless and immature game" 1,000 times crueler than hunting.

"Deer have landed in trees and been stuck there for hours, wild boar have splashed down in backyard kiddie pools — it's absolutely outrageous," blasts furious animal-rights activist Eva Luedemscheid of Berlin.

"Not every animal is like a cat, able to land safely on its feet. This so-called sport is incredibly dangerous to the animals, who are all unwilling participants.

"Even when they're not physically harmed, catapulting an animal long distances is traumatic — most mammals other than bats find being airborne terrifying."

The outrageous new sport, known as "beast-hurling," is exploding in the Black Forest region, where wealthy German businessmen gather on weekends to compete for accuracy, distance and animal-size.

A recent competition held near Zwittenbilch was won by a department store tycoon who catapulted a 1,100-pound bear 700 yards.

Until a month ago, beast-hurling was an underground sport. But now that the cat is out of the bag, aficionados defiantly vow not to bow to pressure groups who want to put a stop to the bizarre activity.

"We're not going to let some tree-hugging pansies spoil our sport the way they ruined fox-hunting over in Great Britain," declares Oskar Sternheim, president of the National Beast-Hurling Club (NBC).

The Black Forest hunks defend the cow-catapulting craziness, which started up about two years ago, as a return to a time-honored tradition.

"This is a tradition that goes back in Europe more than 800 years," explains Sternheim. "It's part of our heritage.

"In medieval times, it was a common practice to catapult diseased pigs and cows over the walls into a besieged city to spread disease — it was the earliest form of germ warfare.

"In time, knights began to catapult animals out of sheer boredom. Eventually, it became a form of knightly entertainment, as much a part of the world of chivalry as jousting. Today, we're trying to recapture that romance."

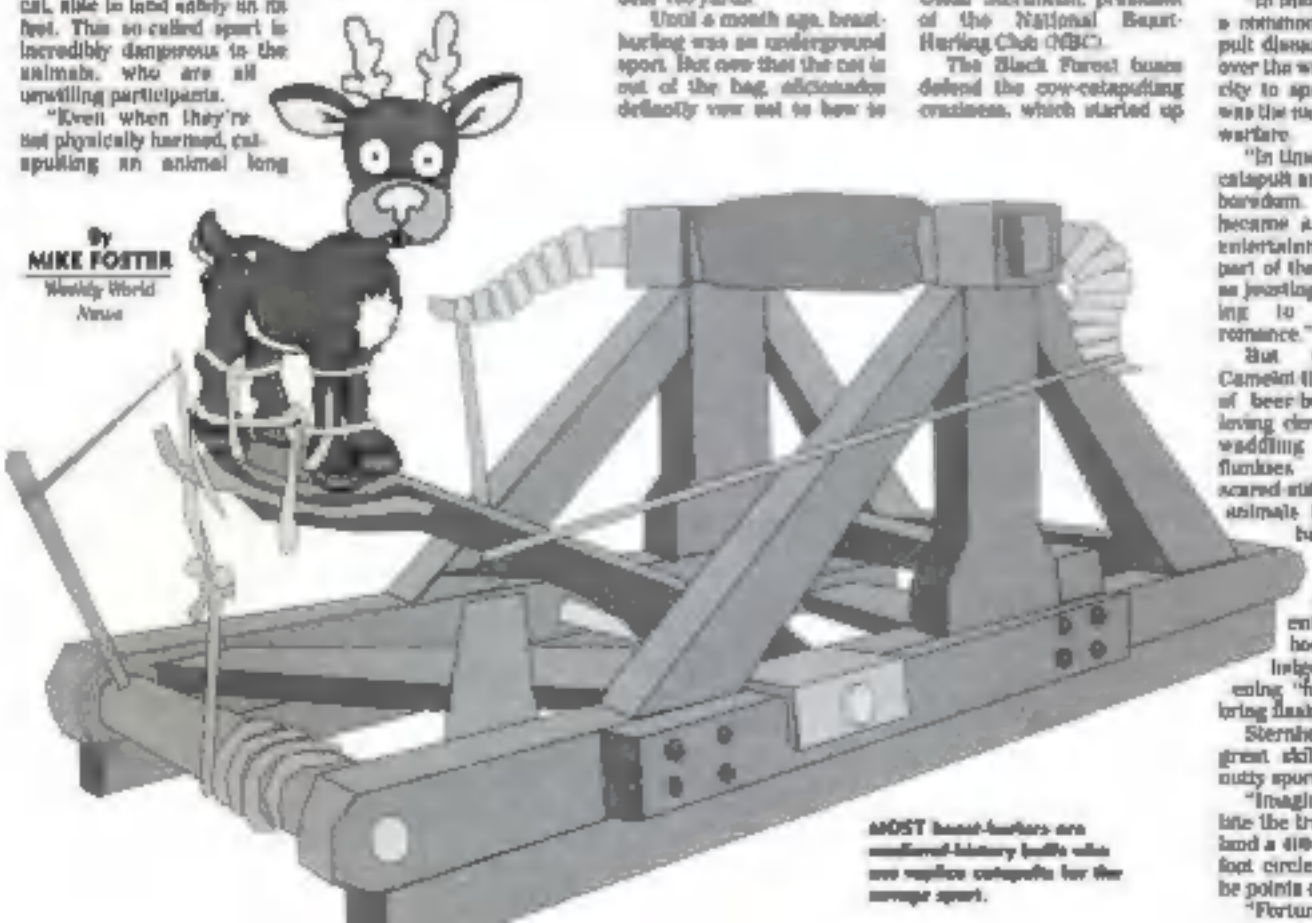
But there's nothing Camelot-like about the sight of beer-bellied, bratwurst-loving clowns in lederhosen waddling about, ordering flunkies to strap down scared-stiff sheep and other animals in catapults, then barking "Let it rip."

Gambling is rampant at the competitions and enthusiasts typically hoist it up at hunting lodges before the sickening "fun" begins — and bring flasks along as well.

Sternheim insists there's great skill involved in the nutty sport.

"Imagine trying to calculate the trajectory needed to land a 410-pound bear on a 6-foot circle 500 yards away," he points out.

"Fortunately, many of our



MOST beast-hurlers are medieval history buffs who use replica catapults for the savage sport.

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

This shocking photo shows the sad results of beast-hurling. Many times the animals are injured, tossed into trees and buildings and sometimes even killed.

World War II and they do a wonderful job of advising us."

Every effort is made to prevent harm to the bear-footed projectiles, he claims.

"If your animal is killed or injured, you lose the round," Sternhelm explains.

"Also, the cavaliers are heavily sedated so they don't panic during the flight."

Most beast-hurlers are medieval-history buffs who collect replica catapults.

"Purists don't use catapults designed after 1600, but some younger guys use high-tech, custom-made catapults

of the sport is the assault each animal emits in unison.

"Every animal makes a different sound depending on the speed and trajectory," enthuses Sternhelm. "If you hear the howl of a black

looked up and saw a cow streaking through the sky about 60 feet overhead," he recalls.

"As I stared up in disbelief, trying to make sense of what I was seeing, the cow let out a

'It's outrageous!' says activist

Forest with tumbling end over end at 40 m.p.h. I promise you, you'll never forget it."

Locals are less enthusiastic about the sport. Karl Schumaker, who lives on the milk-curdling moo of fear and released its bowels," he said.

"The next thing I knew, I was covered head to toe in cow manure."

The hazards of the sport

rowdies sometimes send animals miles astray. In one frightening instance, a bull crashed through the roof of a startled peasant family, splintering the breakfast table as they sat down for their morning coffee.

Indeed, the sickening sport came to light last month when a billy goat landed in the hot tub of the beast-hurlers' own hunting

the buttocks. He was rushed to the hospital, but while he's expected to recover fully from the injuries, pals were unable to hush up the story.

Since then, shocking photos of beast-hurling have surfaced in newspapers and animal lovers are up in arms.

Many local politicians are also demanding an end to the beastly practice.

"These men are not real experts in the use of medieval artillery and their drinking makes it doubly dangerous," says town coun-

HOLLY*weird*

Call it whatever you want, Hollywood is one wild and wacky place — thanks to all those silly celebs who call it their home. Here are the latest TinselTown tidbits from our star watchers.

« SEAN PENN

HOTSHOT ACTOR SLAMS HIS PAYCHECK

Hollywood brat Sean Penn has stopped whining about how he's going to quit acting. Now, the recent Oscar-loser is complaining about how lousy today's movies are. "I find it very, very difficult not to get into an uncontrollable rage most of the time when I go to the movies," he snipped. And when it comes to anything Sean says, we find it very, very difficult not to laugh.

« LIZ & STEVE »

LIZ'S EX-PLAYBOY TREATS GAL LIKE DIRT!

How mean Elizabeth Hurley has got a stooge ally, Brenda Swanson — the gal who took up with wealthy playboy Steve Bing after he dumped Liz when she got preggers. Brenda says Steve really is a cad. Seems that he wined, dined and did the pretty thing for five months — before shafting her, too. "He's a smooth operator when he wants to get into your pants," grumps Brenda. "But as soon as he gets you — he's off." And what else is new?

QUENTIN « TARANTINO

STUCK IN TIME

And here's writer-producer-director Quentin Tarantino living in the past — dressing like a grungy character from his hit flick *Pulp Fiction*. Someone tell Quentin that *Pulp* finished it's run eight years ago, he's since become a multimillionaire and there's no need to look

ISABELLA ROSSELLINI »

WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE NOT!

For years, gorgeous Isabella Rossellini raked in a bundle of bucks as the "face" of Lancome cosmetics until they dropped her when she hit 40 in 1994. Now that she's aging, the knockout's been telling folks that perfect looks are a curse, says a source. Yeah, but Isabella never ran to a plastic surgeon pleading, "make me ugly." *did she?*

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KID COURAGEOUS! BOY

Brave teen keeps his sense of humor

ANDREW BOURNE was born without eyeballs, but [redacted] incredibly courageous teen stays right in step with a world he'll never see — conquering the computer, singing up a [redacted]rm and cracking up [redacted] family with his raucous jokes.

"He brings us a lot of laughter," says [redacted] Maggie Bourne, [redacted]. "[redacted] a great sense of humor, and [redacted] loves singing. He's very loving."

Amazing Andrew has anophthalmus, a rare disorder suffered by one in every 100,000 newborns. The 15-year-old has fake eyeballs in his sockets to appear more normal, but cannot see anything.

By HELEN BAUM
Weekly World News

Maggie cried her own eyes out when she first learned Andrew had the condition, only a few hours after he was born.

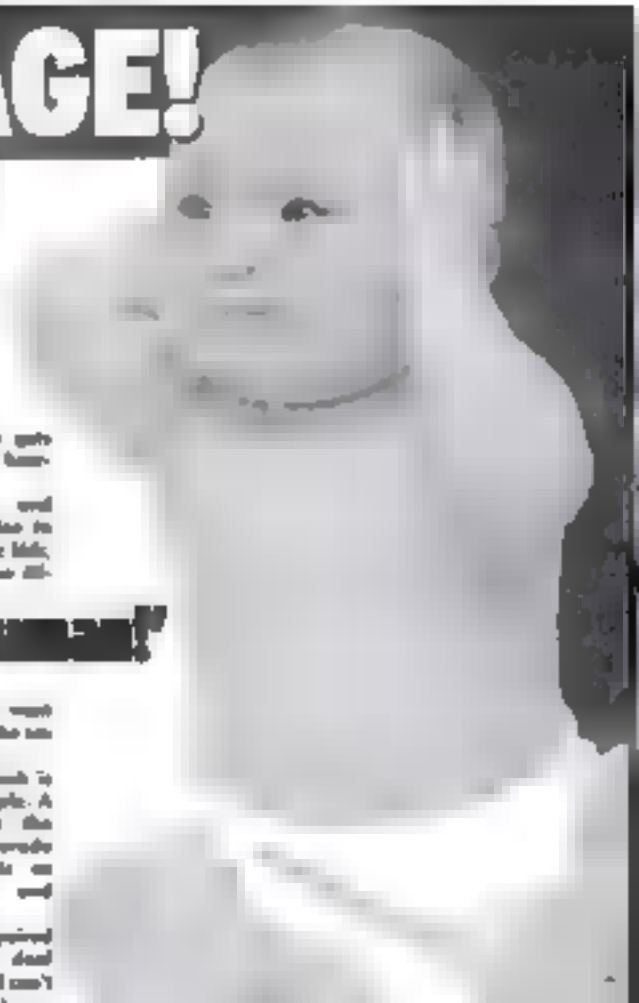
"I didn't believe the doctors at first," she recalls. "I said, 'Don't be silly. Babies aren't born with no eyes.'

"I cried myself to sleep that night," she says. "I kept thinking it was an awful nightmare and if I just went to sleep I'd wake up and everything would be all right.

"But in the morning, I

IT'S AN OUTRAGE!

Gay gals have deaf tots on purpose



A PAIR of deaf lesbian lovers have triggered a storm of controversy by purposely getting a man — who also can't hear — to father two deaf children for them.

"This is as bad as the barbarians of old who blinded captives," fumed Baroness Emma Nicholson, a human rights official with the European Parliament.

"This is cruel and inhuman."

Nicholson aired her outrage at gay gals Candy McCullough and Sharon Duchesneau, whose 3-year-old daughter Johanna and new 4-month-old baby Gavin both suffer from severe hearing loss.

Incredibly, the lesbo lovebirds are deaf and purposely planned for the kids to be hearing-challenged, too, by getting a deaf pal to donate his sperm.

"A deaf baby would be a

Gavin, shows what he can hear after a hearing device.

Apparently, Sharon and Candy defend their choice to arrange to have defective kids, saying what they did is no different than parents who want to genetically determine the sex of a child.

But an outrage backlash is building against the couple. A campus newspaper at the University of Colorado slammed the gay gals as "hideously selfish" and "incredibly immoral."

And one hearing-impaired person working for a deaf organization exclaimed, "I can't

'This is cruel and inhuman!'

child who's the same as us." A genetics expert said that the gals had a 50/50 chance of delivering a hearing impaired baby by choosing a sperm donor who has deafness running in his family for generations.

The cold-hearted gals, who work at a mental health consultancy for the deaf in Washington, D.C., have also asked the office of a specialist who wants to fashion a hearing aid for their little tyke to make

BORN WITH NO EYEBALLS

ANDREW
demonstrates that his handicap doesn't interfere with his computer fixes.

looked at my baby and realized it wasn't a nightmare. It was real.

Maggie also realized her baby needed her, she and her husband. Hope was to look at and a reflection of fighter. Angel. Facing Andrew with the same love and care they had given to their first two children.

Andrew has needed every bit of that love. He has the identical twin of a very rare congenital condition for being and has trouble walking.

He attends a special school but is doing well in the mainstream. Andrew is now in the third grade.

He also needs to take growth hormone shots to help him grow. And will have to take medication to control his blood pressure for the rest of his life.

To help other families cope with this, Angel founded the Parents of the Optic WAGS Association and Support Group.

They also have people to other families of children with the condition or a related condition to help them cope with their children's problems.

For years the Hopkins were puzzled because Andrew was the physical perfect like their first two children.

Then they read about a possible link between birth defects and the drug cold Benylin which Maggie had taken in her system while pregnant with Andrew.

"I took the Benylin until I was five months pregnant," she says. "I didn't wear glasses because it didn't say so on the container. It was used by nurses and aunts.

[illegible] Andrew's problem. She says: "I went through months of anguish. I felt I had ruined my baby's life — but not my baby."

The couple are suing DuPont, the American manufacturers of the drug, for [illegible] Andrew and his parents.

The lawsuit was also backed by an American judge but for families are appealing.

Meanwhile the Hopkins keep a private place in their [illegible] for their son. Despite his disability Andrew can use a computer, is a good cricketer and above all, he loves to tell out stories on the radio as his parents laughed over while playing albums in the background.

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VOICE

THE revenge-seeking spirit of a woman brutally butchered during a petty robbery returned from the dead to finger her killer — by speaking through the mouth of a person she had possessed.

By CLIFF LINDECKER
Weekly World News

[illegible] chilling voice from the grave led to one of the most bizarre murder trials in the history of the Chicago and solved [illegible] baffling slaying of Teresita Basa.

[illegible] by friends as a "member of Philippine arts society," the 48-year-old beauty was a free-lance pianist who made ends meet by working at Edgewater Hospital.

But on the night of Feb. 21, [illegible] took her high-rise northside [illegible] apartment, which smelled of paint and cleaning fluid, and discovered the naked body under a pile of bedroom clothing.

The quiet petite musician had been strangled and stabbed in a vicious attack. The cruel fiend had left a six-inch kitchen knife sticking straight up in her chest before covering her with the clothing and setting it on fire in an effort to erase evidence.

Six months after the savage slaying, homicide investigators were still baffled by the crime.

Then the puzzling case was broken wide open when Mrs. Josephine Chua, a respiratory therapist, who had worked with the victim, notified the hard-working sleuths that she had become "possessed by the spirit of the dead woman."

Chua claimed that Teresita had returned from the grave and named her killer as Allan Showery, 32, who had worked with the women as an orderly at the hospital.

[illegible] by that woman had already been [illegible] at the other end of the earth in her native Dumaguete, on Negros Island in the [illegible], nearly 10,000 miles from Chicago.

And during an astonishing series of three bone-chilling appearances over five days, the dead woman identified her killer, and also provided key information to prove his guilt.

Speaking in a chilling voice through Chua's mouth, the unearthly voice explained that she had let Showery into her 19th floor apartment because she knew him from work and trusted him.

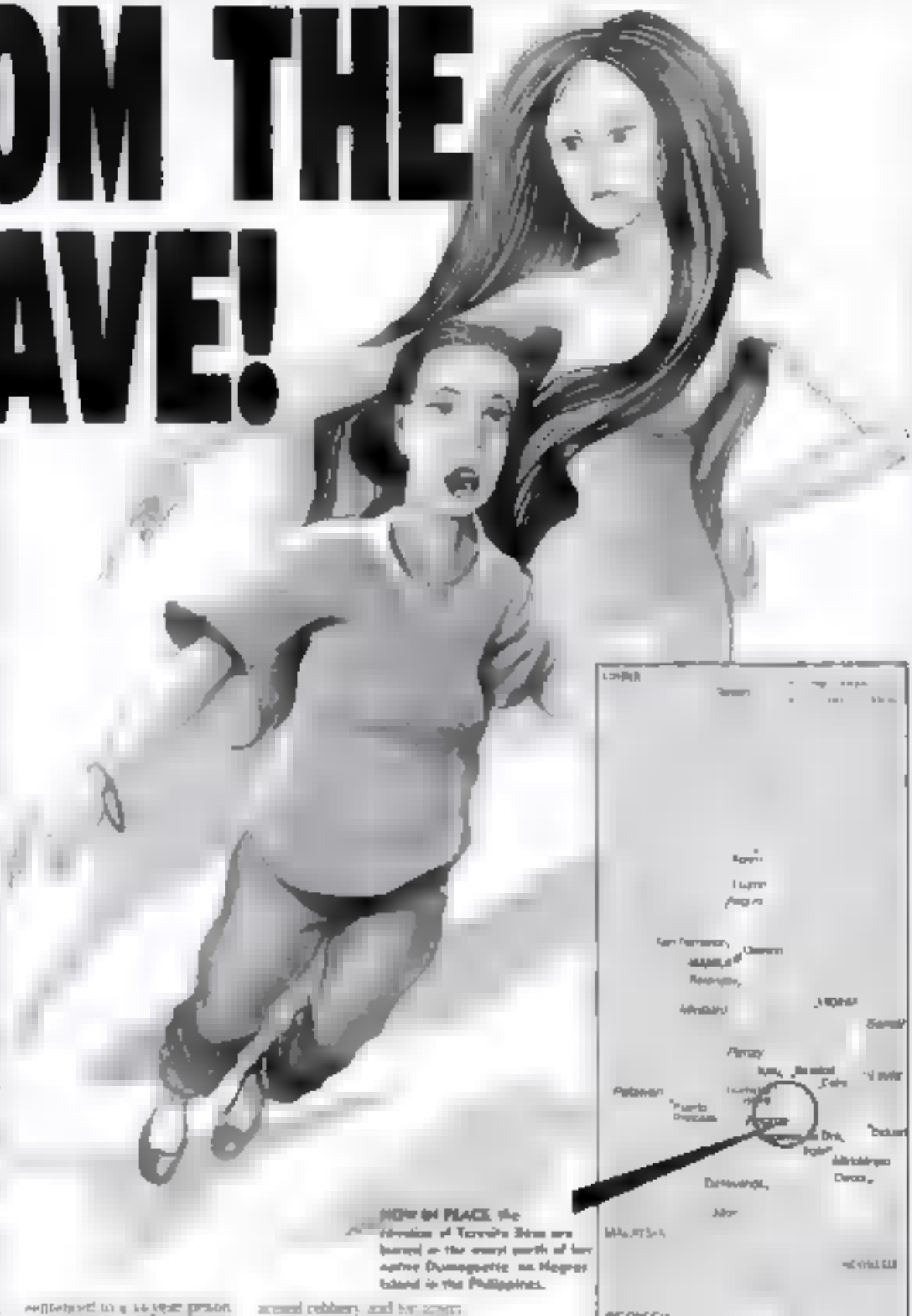
Mrs. Chua's doctor husband, Jose, told homicide investigators that while in trance, his wife spoke in the native Philippine language, Tagalog, with the voice and accent of the dead woman.

"It was creepy," he explained. "chills ran down my spine."

In later court testimony, Dr. Chua said the first time the dead woman made herself known, his wife had begun speaking with a southern Philippine accent, and he asked her name.

"I expected she would say

FROM THE GRAVE!



NOW IN PLACE, the remains of Teresita Basa are buried in the exact earth of her native Dumaguete on Negros Island in the Philippines.

HEAVY LOAD

Girl gets stuck in washing machine

A [illegible] GIRL thought a washing machine was the perfect place for a game of hide-and-seek — until she got stuck there for 90 minutes!

[illegible]

NINTENDO NIGHTMARE

AN [illegible] game player [illegible] Nintendo for the death of her video-obsessed son — who's 20 years old!

[illegible]

HAUNTED PUB BUYS GHOST INSURANCE

TERRY MEGGS says he has spirits in his bar, and not just the kind you drink from a shot glass. So he's getting insured against ghosts!

Meggs owns the Royal Falcon Hotel in Suffolk, England. He says the pub has a pretty pesky poltergeist, so he took out a policy that pays up to $1.4 million if an employee or customer is hurt — even killed — by a ghost or other

My America

By ED ANGER

Say goodbye to the greenback says Ed

FEDS' NEW PLAN TO MAKE FUNNY MONEY STINKS!

I HAVEN'T been this mad since 1978 when I found out that my best egg — my grandfather's $25,000 worth of Confederate cash and stock certificates were worthless except for insulating my rec room bar!

I'm talking about the Treasury Department's new spanky plans to change the color of the greenback!

First they fiddle around and boo-boo up all the dead presidents' heads so they look like some kind of outer-borough mutants on Mexican Monopoly money.

That was bad enough. I thought that sneaky foreign checker at my local n Jose store was pulling a fast one the first time he gave me some of those funny-looking bills, but

[illegible] surprised when I saw what the [illegible] numbers knocked off the dead and cracked old faces when I tried to [illegible] at the supermarket.

But now the Feds are [illegible] other [illegible] that [illegible] some cutie-pie [illegible] plan to make my paper [illegible] pastels with their [illegible] lavender and pink hues [illegible] dreaded with [illegible] flowers, antlers and [illegible] dead kings and [illegible] presidents.

Hell, even Canada [illegible] to put broken [illegible] frames [illegible] from the [illegible] but that's a [illegible]

[illegible] Canadian [illegible] Queen [illegible] Canadian [illegible] Queen [illegible] Canadian [illegible] Queen [

Good LORD!

'STIGMATA PRIEST' CAN TELL FUTURE!

By KATE McCLARE Weekly World News

A YOUNG priest has stunned believers with claims of his amazing superpowers — including the ability to predict what's going to happen!

But Father Z[illegible] Sudac, a 31-year-old cleric born on Krk Island in Croatia, refuses to reveal the dangers he sees coming until he gets permission from Catholic Church officials.

"Until the Church makes an announcement regarding these phenomenon, in my heart I am not sure whether it is good to speak about these things," he said. Sudac also insists he can float in the air, heal the sick and be in two places at the same time. He claims his ability of "bilocation" was confirmed by a half-dozen witnesses.

"I was with some young people [illegible] and meditating," he noted.

Adds another priest, "They knew he was there. He was praying with them. The second place was a church, and some people saw him in front of the church and they shook his hand, so they know he was there."

Sudac said he "would have described this gift to my congregation had some people not come forward and confirmed it all ... six people who saw me physically there ... in front of the church. With one of these, I even shook hands."

Father Sudac calls his [illegible] people "[illegible] stigmata priest" because of marks that appear on his body, which mimic the wounds Christ received when he was nailed to the cross and speared by Roman soldiers.

The holy man received the first bloody marking on his body — a bleeding cross on his forehead — at a prayer meeting in 1999 about a year after he was ordained a priest in his native Croatia.

Doctors and church officials have closely examined the markings, but cannot explain how it got there. "It doesn't [illegible]," Sudac [illegible], "except when I am in prayer and then I feel it pulsating. On [illegible] I felt it pulsating. On the first Fridays I felt it certain times. It is known to bleed and look as though it is crying."

Frank DeRosa, spokesman for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens said the Church has taken no position on Father Sudac's powers.

"From what I understand," DeRosa said, "Father Sudac is a priest in good standing. There's no indication he's born anything but a good priest."

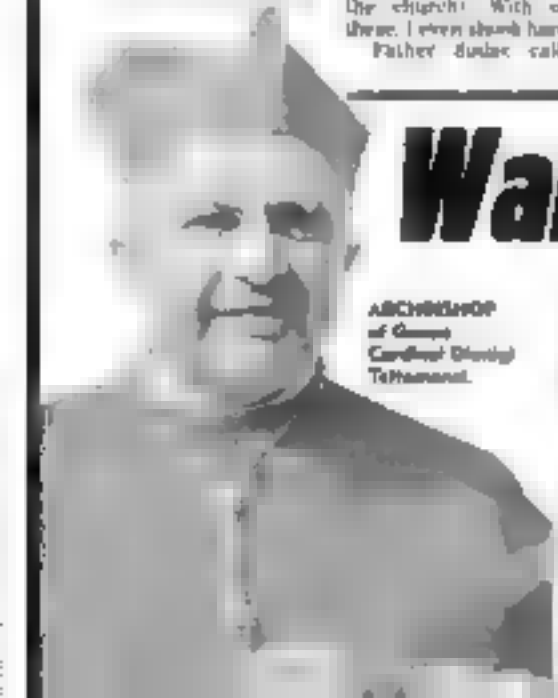
Monsignor David Cassato, pastor of St. Athanasius Catholic Church in Brooklyn, N.Y., said Sudac causes a sensation wherever he [illegible].

"Everyone wants to meet him and have him pray over them because of his gifts," said Cassato.

While thousands of believers flock to meet Sudac, he feels uncomfortable about his new celebrity.

"In my heart, I am not sure whether it is good to speak about these things," he said. "I want to draw attention to Jesus Christ, and I am afraid that with these things, I may be drawing attention to myself."

Wanna-be pope vows ban bingo



ARCHBISHOP of Genoa Cardinal Dionigi Tettamanzi.

THE NEXT POPE could outlaw one of the very [illegible] of his church — bingo [illegible]!

Cardinal [illegible] Tettamanzi, archbishop of Genoa and a favorite to succeed Pope John Paul II, blasted bingo in a special letter published in the Vatican newspaper.

Cardinal Tettamanzi called bingo "a scourge of our times" and "a social disease" that undermines the family.

Bingo is one of the most popular pastimes for local Catholic parishes, which raise big bucks from the game.

The cardinal was responding to the Italian government's recent licensing of bingo parlors. Archbishop Calvin Patterson

FATHER Elisha Sudac

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But what is not generally known is that, before his death, Tesla was spearheading a top-secret technology which today is on the verge of providing every person with a way of life that could vastly improve our health as well as personal living conditions. For while Tesla was discredited by his competitors and the scientific community as a charlatan. Now these assignments are on the verge of utilizing his technology in the areas of Inverse Gravity, Alternate Power Sources, Ultra Dimensional Travel, and Teleportation, as well as possibly communicating with other worlds.

Following his death, thousands of pages of his notes concerning these inventions were confiscated and kept under tight security by the "Custodian of Alien Properties" at the vaults of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Some of the private projects were said to deal with Tesla's investigations in the Philadelphia Experiment, where a U.S. Navy Escort Destroyer was made to vanish and teleport through time and space.

[redacted]

Recently, thanks to an Executive Action ordering production within of Tesla's "lost projects" have been released to the public for the first time. In these papers—known as the LOST JOURNALS OF NIKOLA TESLA - The Senate reveals how many of Tesla's most powerful and potentially dangerous scientific discoveries might be turned against citizens as programs of behavior and physical modification, that we have compiled months and use of

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Just for gals

Tips from the experts...

HOW TO BE A GOLD DIGGER

IF YOU'RE a dough or die kind of woman, the kind of gal with a million dollar smile who only smiles at millionaires and whose idea of a perfect man is one who is tall, dark and "has some," read on.

Weekly World News has prospected ten 24 carat tips for mining a million dollars from successful women who have made lavish livings as human gimme pigs.

1. Look for fiscal fitness. Well heeled men aren't knocking back hollermaker's at the Buffalo Breath Brewery and Bowl-a-Rama — they're doing the same damage to their livers albeit more slowly and more expensively — in bars and chic eateries with separate male/female toilet facilities, chrome and [redacted] linen tablecloths. They're also at chi-chi fundraisers to save endangered lesbian whales and to raise money for albino hunchback sufferers. Check the society [redacted] your local paper for tips and dress appropriately. Which brings us to

GOLD DIGGERS aim for tycoons like computer whiz

STRIPPER-MODEL Anna Nicole Smith, then 26, snuggles with billionaire hubby Howard Marshall. He died at age 90 about a year after they wed. She recently raked in $88 million from his estate.

2. Dress for sex-cess, but leave a little [redacted]. If a man wants a tramp, he'll hit the topless joints. You've got to spend a little to eventually make more, so dump the tube tops stylish outfits that will flatter — and camouflage — any flaws you might have. By the time he's seen you in the all together, you'll [redacted]

3. Look for old money. Avoid lottery and scratch card winners. There's a reason they've been playing the numbers and it isn't because they're bored with the stock [redacted]

They're also liable to blow their new found wealth on a just-off-the-assembly line UFO, a combination titanium weed of drinks for their [redacted] and — if they've got any brain cells left — maybe the rest for some back child support. In other [redacted], they won't be investing in your future.

4. Look for old men. Three words: Anna Nicole Smith.

5. Overlook his [redacted]. Two words: Bill [redacted].

6. [redacted] up. Rich guys are more self-centered than any your basic second shift rectum extractors at the local packing plant.

having all eyes and ears on them. So focus on your quarry and [redacted] attentively and appreciatively even if he's boring you to death. Just don't overdo it.

7. Do your homework. If he's interested in breeding Siamese fighting fish, or fascinated with 14th century [redacted] political intrigue, you are too — or at least you know enough to spark a feeling that you have something in common beyond the bedroom.

8. Keep him isolated. Kidnappers know this trick. Find excuses to avoid his family and friends until it's too late for them — they're only interested in protecting their own selfish interests. Ditto for your friends, especially if they love reminiscing about the time you "entertained" the entire defensive line of the Oakland Raiders. Remember: a mist will marry a mystery, but not an open book.

9. Keep him guessing. Hold the pure passion in check until at least the third date — and then do it on your terms and your turf. You don't want to come off as a human trampoline too soon.

10. Say "goodbye" to get him to propose. All men want what they can't [redacted]. Once you've snagged him, don't sign any premarital agreements. After all, if he REALLY loves you ...

ZOWIE! RUSSIA'S PAUL BUNYAN IS 9½ FEET TALL!

A SHIVERING Russian lumberjack would stand head and shoulders over America's Paul Bunyan — because he's an incredible 9½ feet tall!

Pavel Kovalyk, 35, is the tallest human being who ever lived, according to Russian newspapers, which claim the six-foot mountain man can chop down a mind-bending 12 trees a month.

Most historians agree that, exaggerations aside, the real Paul Bunyan was about 8 feet tall.

Pavel, who plans his trade on the Verkoyansk mountain range, doesn't come from a family of giants. His dad is 5-foot-11, and his mom is just over 5 feet 2.

"People always ask me, 'How's the weather up there?' and I usually tell them, 'It's a bit breezy,'" good-natured Pavel told a reporter.

STATUE of America's Paul Bunyan at Trees of Mystery in Klamath, Calif.

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EAGLE SNATCHES PUPPY INTO SKY

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THE whole poop and nothing but the poop

A CUDDLY dachshund miraculously survived after being snatched into the air by a powerful bald eagle and dropped 300 feet to the ground!

But it was touch-and-go for several days for Ava, the tough little 7-year-old weenie dog. She clung to life in the hospital while fighting internal injuries from the eagle's talons.

When the eagle swooped down on her Ava was innocently frolicking in the yard of her owner John Martins, a farmer in rural Maine. The bird of prey grabbed the 13-pound pooch and soared off with the pet. Martins was powerless to help Ava, for the bald eagle is protected by federal law — no one can touch a feather on its endangered head!

Now the 68-year-old farmer is stuck with Ava's hospital bill, which could be as much as $1,000 or more. But he said does not mind doing whatever it took, no matter the cost.

"I wanted to save the life of my Ava," he said.

As for the eagle, Martins harbors no hard feelings since it's America's national symbol.

"I like this bird," said Martins, a Portuguese immigrant. "This bird is very important for this country. I wouldn't feel good if somebody killed this bird."

THE young dachshund glutted because a weiner sandwich for the hungry bird.

Hero dog fights off gator to save owner!

A FIERCELY LOYAL pooch was named Dog Hero of the Year for saving an elderly woman from a vicious alligator.

Heinz Pet Products bestowed the award on Blue, a 2-year-old Australian blue heeler from LaBelle, Fla.

Blue and 68-year-old Ruth Gay were walking along a canal behind her house, where Ruth slipped and fell, breaking her nose and dislocating a shoulder.

Faithful Blue stayed by his mistress' side while she called for help. Suddenly, Blue started growling and charged off into the night — straight for an alligator that had crawled up out of the canal. Ignoring the danger to his own life and fought off the gator, saving his human friend while suffering several injuries.

"I don't know what I would have done without him," Ruth said proudly at the awards ceremony. "Of

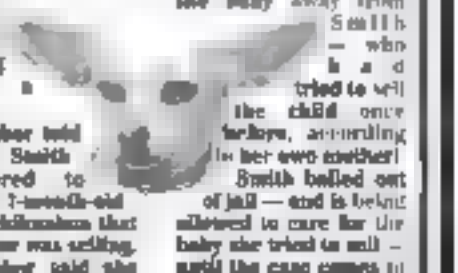
Pitiful parent!

Mommy tries to swap her baby — for a chihuahua!

KATHRYN A. SMITH wanted the dog her neighbor was selling — so she tried to swap her own child for it!

That's what cops in Enid, Okla., say. They arrested Smith and charged her with trafficking in children — trying to sell a child.

A neighbor told cops that Smith had offered to trade the 7-month-old girl for a chihuahua that the neighbor was selling. The neighbor said she



the baby away from Smith — who had tried to sell the child once before, according to her own mother!

Smith bailed out of jail — and is being allowed to care for the baby she tried to sell — until the case comes to

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN

My on-line lover thinks I'm as hot as Mariah Carey!

Dear Dotti: I [redacted] about six months ago and we've had a great on-line relationship that could be leading to a real face-to-face romance.

We've exchanged pictures and he looks a lot like Russell Crowe — which is everything I want in a man.

The trouble is the picture that I sent him was a phony. I'm not exactly drop-dead gorgeous, and I didn't want him to dump me as soon as he found out what I look like, so I sent him a picture of my best friend. She's a model and looks a lot like Mariah Carey. She's been pressuring me to meet him in person and now I don't know what to do. — Sorry I Lied in Crestview

Dear Sorry: Send your friend, instead, you pathetic dying mamp. I'll bet she'll get a hysterical

"Russell Crowe" probably looks more like John Belushi — after 20 years sitting underground

Uncle moon-in-law is corrupting my kids

Dear Dotti: What should I do about my mother-in-law? She is gregarious and outspoken. Possibly she cheats on her. Which brings me to another question — should a grandmother wear leopard skin Capri pants and listen to rap music? I'm afraid she's setting a bad example for her grandchildren! — Frustrated in Angel Falls

Dear Frustrated: You're the bad example by meddling in your mother-in-law's affairs. She'll be telling you how to dress or what music to listen to. The grandkids probably get a kick out of a grandmother who speaks up, and likely to her it's a little like a sex change from a mousy mom who lends a drab dreary frustrated environment up really by instructing someone who knows how to live!

Help! I have to cook for my boyfriend's parents

Dear Dotti: I don't know much about cooking, but I've got to make a special meal for my boyfriend and his parents very soon. A friend of mine suggested something called "Chicken a la King" which I haven't heard of but it sounds like it's fit for a king — which is how I think of my guy. Do you have any suggestions? — Loves to Please in Omaha

Dear Loves to Please: Do I look like a food writer? But, on second thought, I'm feeling generous so I'll share my special French chicken dish with you. It's called "Eight Legged Chicken a la Mode." Get a chicken, turn the oven up to 300 degrees and let it cook while you empty something burning and eat inside coming out of the burners. Take it out and shove six ice cream sticks in it. Don't forget to take off the paper wrappers! "A la Mode" is French for "with ice cream" and was you'll have your main meal and dessert all in one, plus eight drumsticks instead of only two. Bon appetite, sucker!

I want to be a rock 'n' roll god!

Dear Dotti: I'm 15-years-old and I want to be a rock 'n' roll god. I think my feelings and the way I express myself — like wearing black and piercing 17 holes in my face and dyeing my hair purple — are very unique, like my lyrics. Here's a sample: "I know that when someone kicks, they're not really gone at all. They've just taken Satan's hand and have begun to dance in Charlie Manson's mall. Then worms and trolls eat their brains in the Dark Lord's arms the finest dish is PAIN!" What do you think? Rock on! — Future Rock Star in Pedregal

Dear Future Rock Star: I think it's fun, like for you. The worms and trolls and all that stuff you've probably been singing have already eaten what passes for your brain.

Does 'I need more space' mean that I just got dumped?

Dear Dotti: My girlfriend left me two weeks ago and told me that she "needs more space" and that our relationship would be better if we were "just friends." What does that mean? — Clueless in Ketchum

Dear Clueless: Clean out your ears! What part of "You've been dumped" do you not understand? Translated: Anytime a woman says "we need to talk," followed by the "more space" and "just friends" spiel it's the kiss of death for the guy.

CONFIDENTIALS

Missing Cousin in Petersburg: No, I'm not related to the West Virginia Primrose clan. Our family has all our teeth and can count past our fingers and toes!

Needs More Advice in Anderson: Do I have to spell it out? You're beyond H-E-L-P!

Sandy the Southern Belle: Pack up the hoop skirt, sister. The war's been over for 137 years and your Confederate currency is worthless.

Fortune Teller in Tallahassee: Thanks for the warning, but if you're so good why didn't you know I had my appendix removed 18 years ago? Use your crystal ball for something useful — like bowling!

Sassy Lassie in Laredo: Cut back on the bean burritos or give your friends gas masks. But it sounds like you'd be better off having the EPA designate you as a toxic waste super fund site.

W[redacted]MROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is. Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 5401 NW Broken

LIVE LITTLE MEI
IN SARDI

By JUSTIN MITCHELL

A DANISH fish factory worker was stunned when he opened a can of sardines and found a tiny, living 4-inch mermaid packed among her scaly cousins.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," says Jens Grootenboer, who works at the cannery in Arnsted, Denmark where the mysterious mermaid was apparently packed. "It was as if Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale had come to life.

"I was just about to make a couple sandwiches for myself, rolled open the top and there she was ... blond hair, big breasts, arms and a fish tail."

"It was if she was sleeping with the fishes."

Grootenboer said he carefully plucked the miniature mermaid from the water in which she was packed and then almost dropped her when she began moving.

"She felt like a real fish," the father of five said. I yelled and almost threw her on the floor but then realized I had a living fairy-tale creature in the palm of my hand."

Thinking fast, Grootenboer pushed her in a small bowl with his pet goldfish Hugo.

"She began swimming around slowly," says Grootenboer, and even appeared to be trying to communicate with Hugo. I dropped some food in and she ate it up, then nibbled on me, grinned and spun off.

"So I went and got a piece of salmon and dropped that in. She gobbled it down and smiled. Then, she yawned, curled up and went to sleep."

He took photos of his find as he nursed her — which he plans to sell to Sun — obtained on an exclusive basis.

We first reported the existence of mini-mermaids on October 3. Our Asian correspondent Jean Young uncovered the gruesome practice of South Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese harvesting and selling the tiny treasures as talisman delicacies.

Grootenboer said his cannery packs thousands of cans daily for distribution and sale throughout the world and his "lucky tin" was one in a case that the Arnsted Royal Fisheries gives to employees as a monthly bonus.

"I can only imagine that she was picked up in one of the trawling nets and packed with the sardines ... she wouldn't have survived. It's a good thing that she

RMAID FOUND
INE CAN

HENK GROOTENBOER took the photo of his astonishing discovery — a mermaid on a can of sardines. Above, his cat was fascinated by the creature.

...and he could feel that might be bad ... Running into the town's ...

...Henk Groenendaal ...

...Ariel ...

...Henk and now ...

But he didn't go to sleep ...

The following morning, Groenendaal awoke two hours earlier than usual.

"It was strange," he said. "I had this weird sense of somebody in the pit of my stomach. Immediately I thought of Ariel. I ran down stairs to Hedwig's bowl and was gobsmacked."

"There was there, splash and around as usual ...

...a great on his face — puzzling confidently.

"I didn't know for sure what happened, but I suspect Thijs stepped out of line," he says. "I don't know for sure that he ate her.

"The bowl was near the sink. And could have jumped out of the bowl and flopped down the drain and perhaps, to freedom.

"I hope that's what happened."

Meanwhile, Groenendaal is devastated.

"Now I was hoping to become famous by discovering Ariel," he says. "But I

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DOPE OF THE WEEK

There's something heroic about this girl

A FILTHY FLASHER was no match for a quick-thinking 12-year-old girl, when he cornered her in an elevator and tried to give her a dirty show.

Copying the hilarious scene from the comedy film *There's Something About Mary* where actor Ben Stiller gets a painful kind, the evil headed kid just grabbed the flasher's open zipper and yanked it up — hard!

As the pained pervert howled in agony, the youngster bolted from the elevator. She was followed by the sleazy sidekick whose privates where bleeding, having been cut by the zipper.

The girl's stepfather caught up with him, but following a struggle, the kinky criminal got away.

Cops in Virginia Beach, Va., expect to nail the crippled creep seeking medical help at a local hospital. He faces a charge of taking indecent liberties with a minor.

Meanwhile, the plucky girl was not hurt.

Airport guards make boy chug filthy water

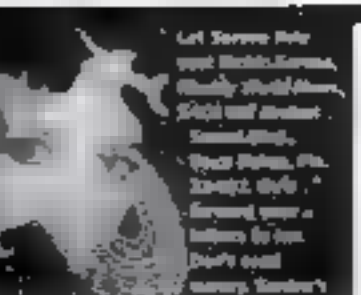
SECURITY GUARDS didn't believe a 14-year-old boy when he said the liquid he was bringing aboard a plane was a science experiment. So they forced him to drink it — and he got sick.

The boy ran afoul of guards at the Aspen, Colo., airport when he told them he was carrying water he'd collected from a creek for his biology class.

After sipping the slop, he became nauseous, he said. Now, he fears that the liquid may have been loaded with parasites and other bugs that cause a life-threatening intestinal illness.

Meanwhile, a red-faced official from the Federal Aviation Administration announced to the boy and his family

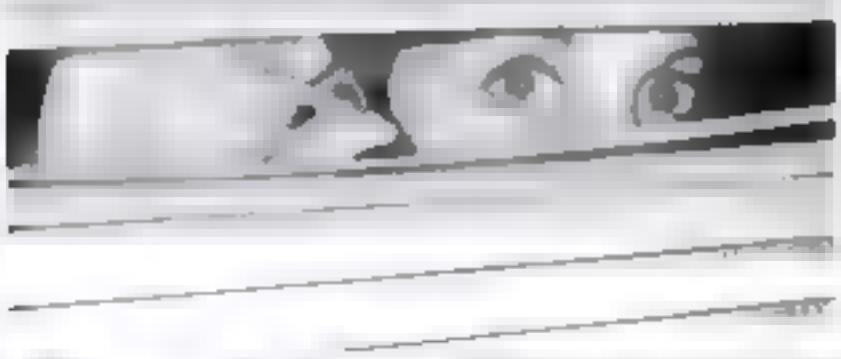
Serena Sabak



AMERICA'S SEXIEST PSYCHIC

Let Serena help with these issues, daily and weekly horoscopes, love and money matters, your future, the stars' influence on you, how to win, how to lose, your destiny, your fortune, the stars' advice to you.

My girlfriend is a sicko stalker—



Dear Serena: I recently met a woman at the library and we hit it off great. She's gorgeous, intelligent and eager to please. But I think she's a stalker.

After a few dates, I had to cancel one of the last minute and left her a phone message that she said she never got. The next day she left multiple messages on my home phone and work phone scaring my co-workers to death. When we finally spoke to each other I let her know she had overreacted. She apologized, but I've noticed lately that I'm getting hang up calls and sometimes see her car near my house or when I'm out shopping. — Freaked Out in Seattle

Dear Freaked Out: A look into my crystal ball and the vibrations I pick up from your letter tell me that you're a openly attached to you and fears being abandoned. I've cast a relaxing spell directed at her that will help calm her jitters. She is harmless but needs a little more reassuring than most people. After my spell takes effect you'll see a big change – probably by the time you read this letter. Blessings to you both!

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Dear Serena: My unmarried son is 44 years old and runs a struggling business buying and selling comic books and Star Wars collectibles over the Internet. He still lives at home. I'm the old-fashioned, but I just don't think it's proper for a man his age to live with his parents, and I think it would be best for him to move out. Should I insist him, or learn to be more supportive? I've sent you a photocopy of my palm for better insight. — Fed-up in Framingham

Dear Fed-up: Your heard line reveals your conflict, but your head line – the source of logic – tells me that you know the right thing to do. It is high time for your son to move his modem elsewhere. You must approach this carefully. However, Remind him that you'll continue to love and help support him and that your home. My crystal ball also reveals that he will soon make a financial killing on a rare Obi Wan "Jedi Quest" collectible that will significantly boost his fortune and enable him to move comfortably.

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PERSONAL TO:

L.J. in New Jersey: My angels tell me that you'll be getting an unexpected royalty check within two weeks!

Nurse Sick in Tucson: Good news! Your company will transfer you back home within the next 45 days.

Bartender in Montana: You'll be a star yourself after your millionaire neighbor hires you as the foreman for his ranch. I also see a match romance blossoming for you!

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS

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While World News has purchased exclusive rights to the world's most powerful computer — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

The Swiss-built computer, called Delphi Seven, has the ability to calculate which lottery numbers are most likely to come up each week, based on previous performance and established tendencies. The numbers are good for the week Weekly World News is on the newsstand.

The computer scans all numbers selected in lotteries across America over the past year to provide a statistical base for predicting future results. Most value is given to the most recently selected numbers.

Using all available data, the computer picks the luckiest numbers

Fortune Cookie

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What's your secret message from the Fortune Cookie this week? It's easy and fun to decipher. Here's the key to decoding your message:

If the number of letters in your first name is 5 or less, subtract that number from 7. If there are more than 5 letters in your first name, subtract the total from 13.

Now take the result and find your key letter in the word ORIENT above. Starting at the upper left corner of the box at left, check each one of your key letters as it appears from left to right. The letters below each of your key letters

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ACROSS

1 Under-the-hood ape
6 Type of concentration (Hyph)
12 Bluish-green
14 Swindle
15 Dictionary abbr.
16 "To — his own"
19 Kind of neckline
20 Abrasion
21 Legal excuses
23 Mixed up the deck
25 Most recent
26 Pounding sound
27 Helps in wrongdoing
28 Slanted letter
30 Secret stash
31 Curved doorway
34 Deletes, rubs out
36 Apparel
38 "Faster — a speeding bullet"
40 Son of Abraham
41 Mental worker
43 Frilly fabric
44 Young boy
46 Telegraph code
47 Medicinal plant
49 Little brook
50 Mr. Lombaugh
51 Lucky number
52 Spanish gold
54 Golden touch king
56 Strong desires
58 Bar seal
59 Parachuting
63 Dieter's dish
66 Exaggerated manliness
68 Confer, disagree
70 Lawn tool
71 Examine, analyze
73 Gatherings
76 Wearing need
77 Pro-wrestler "Hulk"
78 Israeli Yitzhak
81 Precious gem
82 " — in the Family"
84 Jamaican Rivalé
86 South Dakota's capital
87 Made up for
88 Goes with loftier
90 Beer barrel
92 Region
94 Terminates
98 Made certain
97 Medicine bottle
98 Bank transaction
100 Critzy suddenly
101 Doll
102 Stroked in, on a typewriter
103 Arizona city
104 Scooping machine
106 Wagging appendage
107 Eye part
108 Innate ability
111 Ambulance wail
112 Actress Tyson
114 Bug
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117 Pea shells
118 Affirmative vote
119 Genetic duo
120 Uttered
123 Synopsis
125 Idle chatter
128 Say again
129 Head covering
130 Roman noble
131 — la la
132 Art copy
135 Swindle, trick
136 Covers with turf
140 Golly!
141 Wheel nut
143 Moving vehicles
144 Marathon units
147 Struck on the head
148 Scattering seeds
151 Italian resort
154 Type of watch
156 Father
159 Electrical sparks
160 Irritating
161 TV, newspapers, etc
163 Fried rice
167 Not yet ignited
168 Actress Bogosa
169 Blow one's horn
170 Paul Bunyan's buddy
171 Of greatest distance
174 Mix together
176 Flank
177 Baby Dr.
179 Comfort in sorrow
181 Retract a statement

DOWN

1 [redacted]
2 [redacted] medley
3 [redacted]
4 Typical, standard
5 Backpack
7 Chuck Yeager's specialty
8 Pooh's friend
9 German city
10 Bring to perfection
11 President William Howard
12 Regardless
13 New York borough
17 Eau — , Wis.
18 Finnish capital
19 Racehorse
20 Actor Marsh
22 Type of engine
24 Uses a phone
25 Once around a racetrack
29 Ripken, of baseball
32 Nile queen, for short
33 Chaos
35 Mr. McMahon
37 Running back's score (Abbr)
39 Yesterday's tomorrow
39 Cure
43 Prison room
45 Away (at
48 Maria —
51 Larry, Curly or Moe
52 Strangeness
53 Pitching style
55 — Langhorne Clemens
57 Colorado ski resort
60 Age requirements
61 Very angry
62 Secure, as profit
64 Screeching owed
65 Make eyes at
67 Sordid character (Hyph)
69 Crafty, evasive
72 Underhanded
74 Shoe grommet
75 Lunatics
76 Snatch
80 Predict, portend
81 Prepares
82 Combines [redacted]
83 Light beam
84 Rule over
85 Carter, Fisher or Fey
88 Wedding cake layers
89 Caesar's nationality
90 Struck with the palella
91 Horse strides
93 Turn in a coupon
95 Foolish
97 Competing
99 Self-assurance
100 Texans
106 Goes with rest
109 Wound cover
110 Close by
112 MacArthur's pipe [redacted]
113 Longed for
114 Rock type
115 Leaning
117 Fashion capital
121 Metals
123 Employ
124 Actor Gibson
126 Sheep's cry
127 Building strikes
133 Game delayer
133 Ring remover
134 Hubbubs
135 Admirers
136 Adapted for
137 Merit, deserve
138 Popeye's power source
140 Waterfowl
142 Soccer scores
143 Fatalities
144 Large prefix
145 Baby wool makers
146 Soft drinks
148 Dewy-eyed
150 Compose
151 Piece of brie-a-brac
152 Forest trees
153 Eskimo dwelling
156 Male escort
157 Stick to
158 Card game
160 Falling behind
163 Old Glory, for example
164 Fib, fabrication
166 Green with envy
168 Dagger wound
170 Put in reverse (2 wds)
172 Actress Tabuni
175 Muscle contraction
176 Torn apart
178 School subj.
180 Chicago business district
182 Soft drink
184 Male swans
186 Placed down
188 Play dinosaurs
194 Jeopardize
195 Further down
199 Actress Magnani
198 Bangkok native
200 Sudden attack
201 Icy downpour
203 Components
205 Dining tills
207 Legal escape
209 Exiled
210 Small metals
211 Helper
212 Sawdry
214 Substitute piece
216 Dreads
218 Chicago gangster
219 Breton sand hills
230 Cabbage, for one
221 Actor Peck
223 Spoiled
224 You and I
225 Route (Abbr)
229 Long-standing (Hyph)
228 Senseless talk
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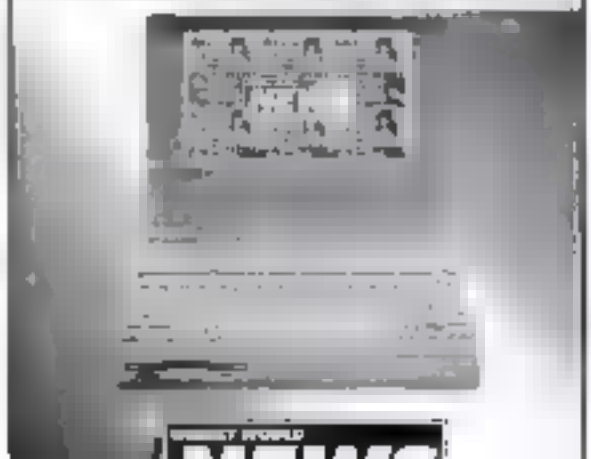

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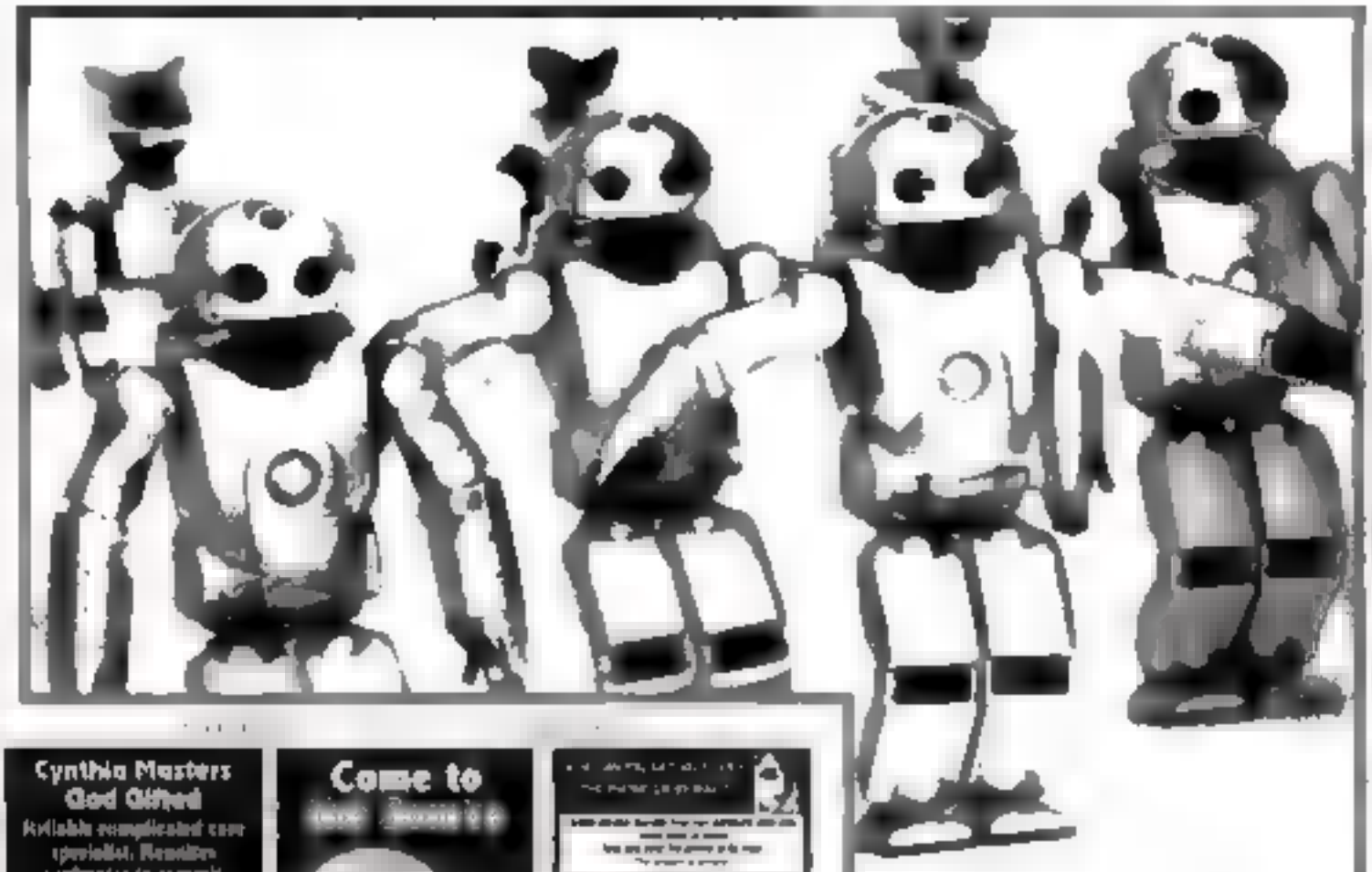

'You put your left foot in...'

These cute robots look like they're doing the hokey-pokey. Made by Sony, these knee-high humanoids can sing as well as dance — and have a vocabulary of 60,000 words. Once they get to know you, they will recognize your face, and you'll never be without a dance partner. They were showing off their steps at a high-tech exposition in Yokohama, Japan.

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OOPS! 'MURDERED CORPSE' TURNS OUT TO BE SEX DOLL

In a bizarre twist on the classic Hitchcock flick *Rear Window*, a man was fingered for murder by a snoopy neighbor who spied him carrying what looked like dead body into his apartment.

The embarrassed guy was later cleared by cops when it turned out the "corpse" was really his beloved sex doll.

Authorities in Munich, Germany, refuse to identify either the red-faced suspect or the eagle-eyed neighbor saying that to do so would cause "needless embarrassment."

But fellow residents in the apartment complex say the would-be hero neighbor is sorely disappointed.

"He [knows himself] wants sort of amateur detective and is always looking through his binoculars to see if anything illegal is going on in the neighborhood," revealed a lady neighbor who requested anonymity. "He thought this time he'd really solved a serious crime, like Jimmy Stewart in that old American movie, but instead he ended up looking like a fool."

The weird crime drama began when the busybody spotted the "suspect" stealthily returning home toting what appeared to be a semi-nude female body.

"From what I hear, it really did look like a young woman," another neighbor said. "First he thought she'd been kidnapped, but from how still the body was he became convinced she was dead."

The Good Samaritan got on the horn to the police, who rushed to the scene ready to make an arrest. When patrolling cops arrived at the scene, the sweaty, nervous suspect behaved as if he really had committed a diabolical murder.

As the man was grilled by cops, he seemed "surprised and disturbed" by their questions, a police spokeswoman later told reporters.

Finally the accused killer produced his startling alibi.

"When the officers told the man they were investigating a murder, he showed them his newly acquired all-vinyl sex doll," the spokeswoman said.

"The man also showed the officers four other inflatable sex dolls he owns. And he had good reason to act as if he'd been caught doing something wrong.

"Apparently he had just been testing out his newest plaything when police banged on his door."

After the suspect presented the eye-popping evidence, the cops took a hasty retreat and dropped the murder-investigation file "case closed."

"I just didn't want to die [and] turn into pig lunger," the police spokeswoman said.

But that hasn't been the end of the story for the hapless sex doll collector. "Now, everyone in the apartment complex thinks he's some kind of perverted loser who can't get a real woman," the lady neighbor said.

"Kids riding their bikes laugh at him and the men poke fun at him, asking, 'How are your girlfriends today?' It's really been a nightmare for the poor fellow."

— DAVE ROSEMAN

DOES SHE BITE? A visitor to a Los Angeles adult entertainment trade show checks out "Super Babe," a silicone sex doll.

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"Customers also were the customers also," Wells said — not Electrolux's.

"Without prompting," he said, "they told us they wanted something that talked to them, reassured them and

WORST SUMM

Thousands will die, crops will burn

will leave millions homeless

to 140

FRANTIC [redacted] officials are desperately trying to cover up a terrifying report by weather experts which predicts that this summer will be the hottest, driest, stormiest ever, leaving thousands dead in its wake.

The official forecast is in the file that warnings posted on the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA)

By NICK MANN

Internet site were yanked and "watered down" for fear of sparking a national panic.

And the government is doing everything it can to bush up the report and keep the hysteria triggering forecast under wraps.

No less a figure than President George W Bush is said to have "angrily issued" the order to remove and

retain the forecast that warned of "unstoppable wildfires, crop withering drought, deadly dust and electrical storms, devastating flash floods and a wave of as many as 740 killer hurricanes" that are expected to take, burn and raze the United States in June, July and August.

The supposed forecast further advised citizens in every state to prepare themselves for "a sustained weather event — a scorching, blistering heat wave — unlike anything seen since the summer of 1998."

In that year, trees, homes and at least three children were reported to have "burst into flames spontaneously" under an

Tornado Safety Rules:

In a home or building, move to a predesignated shelter, such as a basement.

If an underground shelter is not available, move to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor and get under a sturdy piece of furniture. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside.

Stay away from windows.

Get out of automobiles.

Do not try to outrun a tornado in your car. Instead, leave it immediately for safe shelter. If caught outside or in a vehicle, lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands.

Highway overpasses do not provide shelter from tornadic winds.

Be aware of flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.

Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection. You should leave a mobile home and go to the lowest

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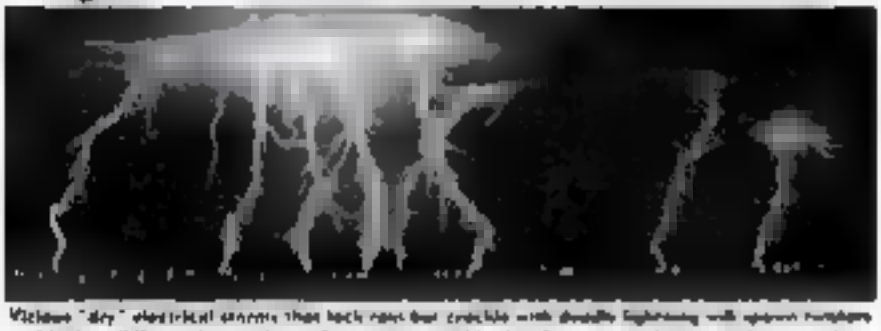

Violent "dry" electrical storms that lack rain but crackle with deadly lightning will spawn twisters and ignite wildfires, threatening to burn entire neighborhoods, homes and cities to the ground.

universally sun that literally blew the mercury out of old-fashioned thermometers that weren't built to register temperatures over 134 degrees Fahrenheit.

"This is what I call 'Mother Nature on her attack mode' — and make no mistake, every man, woman and child in America will feel her fury this summer," declared meteorologist Dr. Phillip Prewette, a former NOAA forecaster who obtained and leaked copies of the banned forecast to a handful of trusted reporters here in the nation's capital.

"You can blame El Nino, the cyclical warming of the Pacific Ocean that impacts air masses and weather patterns, for part of the intense heat, drought and stormy weather that's in the forecast.

"But there's more to it than that. Global warming in general and greenhouse gases in particular are prime offenders. Coupled with El Nino, and coming off one of the warmest and driest winters in memory, we've got to expect the worst.

"I don't want to be an alarmist, but unlike NOAA and the White House, I have no intention of sugarcoating the truth. We're talking water shortages and water rationing, power shortages and blackouts, wildfires, crop damage, food shortages and a worse explosion as early as the first two weeks of June.

"As summer wears on, I wouldn't be surprised to see the air catch fire in parched, smog-riddled cities like Los Angeles."

And the wrenching heat will trigger an air-conditioning crisis. The tremendous temperature shifts will cause an overload on A/C circuitry, in many areas breaking down. There will be a shortage of refrigerants, replacement parts and new units, leaving millions of people to live in oven-like conditions.

Both NOAA and the National Weather Service, which NOAA oversees, declined to comment officially on the suppressed weather warning and forecast, although sources privately confirmed that Dr. Prewette "is a reliable source" and "knows what he's talking about."

White House motives were equally tight-lipped about President Bush's role in what some Capitol Hill reporters already are calling the "Weather-gate" cover-up.

Oddly enough, the President referred questions out to NOAA Administrator General Lautenbacher, Jr., but to Director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge — who said he was "unfamiliar" with the forecast but promised he would "look into it."

When hours, an aide issued a brief statement from Judge citing "national security concerns" as his reason to address the issue further.

Dr. Prewette said he decision to release the original NOAA forecast — which was posted on NOAA's Internet site "www.noaa.gov" for just under three hours before it was yanked on April 5 — didn't come easy.

"I appreciate Tom's concerns and the concerns of President Bush," he explained. "But the forecast was good for with our duties and it's a matter of public record — at least, it was a matter of public record until it was pulled off the Internet.

"Americans have a right to know the truth."

Here, according to Dr. Prewette, is the region-by-region summer forecast the federal government doesn't want you to see:

SOUTH

A summer-like heat wave is expected to roast the South with temperatures reaching 115 degrees as early as June and rising in the 140 range when peaking in late August, the forecast worried.

Drought like conditions that have parched the region since 1998 will not only continue unabated but worsen — with blistering heat baking weeds in the ground causing billions in crop damage and thereby thousands out of work, threatening the deep South with a recession.

Victims "dry" electrical storms that lack rain but crackle with deadly lightning and whip up hurricane force gusts

FOR MORE SUMMER FORECASTS
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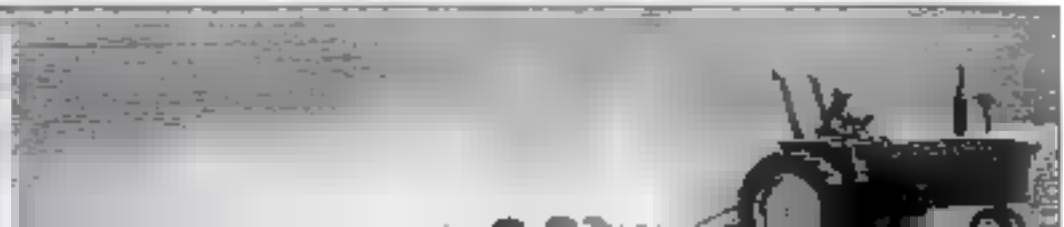

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WORST SUMMER WEATHER EVER!

[illegible] which are likely to become a daily occurrence by July.

Look for these storms to spawn deadly twisters and ignite wildfires capable of destroying millions of acres of forest, contributing to the pollution index and even threatening to burn entire neighborhoods, towns and cities to the ground.

"Although beneficial rains will be scarce, the likelihood of sudden and deadly flash floods will threaten the region through the summer," said the forecast. "It's too early for specifics, but as always, everyone living in the Tennessee Valley area is at risk."

The hurricane season that begins in June is expected to produce fewer tropical storms than normal. But the forecast tempered the good news with bad, warning of at least one and possibly two slow-moving major hurricanes "capable of blowing coastal cities like Charleston, S.C., Wilmington, N.C. and Miami off the map" with sustained winds in excess of 175 m.p.h.

The forecast went on to say that the region may escape widespread water shortages and rationing if authorities enact water restrictions such as bans on watering lawns and golf courses, filling swimming pools and washing cars before the onset of summer.

NORTH

Northern states are expected to reel under blistering heat and humidity with actual temperatures approaching 120 and "heat-humidity index" figures — how hot the air actually feels — topping a mind-boggling 135 in big "stagnant air" cities like Boston and New York.

Damp, hot, stale air will only add to pollution problems throughout the region, imperiling children, senior citizens and anyone with a respiratory problem or compromised immune system.

With rain in extremely short supply, and temperatures soaring to unprecedented highs, demand for air-conditioning is expected to exceed supply as early as the second week in [illegible]

[illegible] and streams will likely peak.

Food shortages based on crop failures throughout the continental United States threaten [illegible]

[illegible]

FORECASTER Dr. Phillip Pronovets.

[illegible]

"We can't yet pinpoint where and when the damage will occur, but [illegible] will be widespread, ongoing and severe," the forecast said.

MIDWEST

Killer [illegible] of superstorms [illegible] the Midwest [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] people, homes and businesses in areas that aren't even considered to be flood zones.

As if the twin pressures of extended drought and killer storms weren't enough, America's parched, thirsty and with crop devastation and food shortages looming, hungry breadbasket could face "dust bowl" [illegible]

SUNBATHING will be out of the question!

The heat will be so intense, people will not be able to venture outside!

[illegible]

WEST

The West will take the brunt of the summer heat wave, suffering under sweltering temperatures of 120 degrees and, in the words of forecasters, "aside from infrequent, devastating hail storms, an absolute absence of precipitation."

Rivers, streams and creeks are expected to start drying up [illegible]

[illegible]

The [illegible] Pacific Northwest are expected to endure less heat than other parts of the West, with temperatures peaking at 119 degrees or near to late July.

The forecast further noted the potential for "frequent, violent hail storms" involving "unusually large" golf- and bowling ball-sized ice balls [illegible]

Severe Weather Safety Rules:

Develop a plan for you and your family for home, work, school and outdoors.

Have a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and battery backup to receive warnings.

Identify a safe place to take shelter.

Have frequent drills.

Keep a highway map nearby to follow storm movement from weather bulletins.

On the Internet, go to [illegible] weather.gov for NWS watches and warnings.

Listen to radio and television for weather information.

Check the weather forecast before leaving for extended periods outdoors. Watch for signs of approaching storms.

If severe weather threatens, check on people who are elderly, very young, or physically or mentally disabled.

[illegible] who can't find suitable shelter."

The forecast said the West Coast "is particularly vulnerable to intense and frequent electrical storms that could spark major, free-ranging wildfires."

Given the lack of rainfall the region has endured for the past three years, these infer- [illegible]

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[illegible] million lottery payoff from beyond the grave!

JOHN ARMSTRONG says his family hit a lottery jackpot with his wife's help — two years after she died!

"I said to her, 'Hello, Jo, this one is for me,' and she came up trumps," said John, said after collecting the Strike lottery prize of almost $1.8 million.

The 70-year-old ex-miner chose the lottery numbers he hunched and one other family members. Then he put the betting slip in a pocket his late wife had knitted [illegible] years ago.

He believes Jo's spirit managed to get [illegible] numbers picked above all others.

Sophia his son, said:

"It's really hard to explain. It's unbelievable. I really think she had some thing to do with it. She made [illegible]

BIKE TYKE'S LONG RIDE

A 12-year-old Dutch boy pedaled his bike for over 19 miles before police caught him and returned him safely home. Michael Arrigunaga supposes had only recently allowed him to ride solo by [illegible] on his teacher's back seat.

Years searched the Whittier [illegible] and a helicopter. The bike being [illegible] had been missing for nearly six hours.

YUM!

THIS POOCH isn't playing possum — he's eating it! And he didn't have to chase the furry tree-climbing marsupial down to get his meat. His owner simply bought a can of Possyum, a pet food made from possum meat. The doggie dinner is the brainchild of New Zealand farmer Bryan Bennett-Smith, who likens the taste to corned beef. "It's got a nice odor and does not smell [illegible]

Where's Osama? Find him & win $10!

Tony & Cleo's L-O-V-E L-I-N-K-S

SELFISH GOURMETS KILL MONKEYS FOR MEAT!

ADORABLE monkeys and chimps are disappearing from their African homes, so that spoiled gourmets can feast on the latest delicacy — endangered animals!

Monkey meat has become a huge trade in Africa — and scientists warn that many of our primate pals will be extinct in only 20 short years. One monkey species, the Miss Waldron Red Colobus, already has been wiped out by hunters feeding the voracious appetites of misguided gourmets.

Many other animals also wind up on dinner plates, including antelope, bats and rats, rodents and hippos. Known as "bushmeat," the flesh of these poor creatures is being devoured as gourmet goodies by people who believe they can become as strong, smart or swift as the murdered animal.

But it's the trade in monkeys, gorillas and chimpanzees that's the most outrageous, because it's such a big business.

"Millions of pounds of bushmeat are coming into the United Kingdom each year," said Barry Gardiner, a member of England's Parliament, who is so outraged that he has launched an anti-bushmeat campaign.

"It's organized — it's big money," said an official at London's Gatwick Airport, which is a major gateway for bushmeat smugglers. "People get paid $30 or $40 at check-in desks in Ghana or Nigeria to take a suitcase with meat in it with a street value of $1,500."

Another airport official said smugglers' cases arrive with as much as 440 pounds of bushmeat. "They bring in bags packed to the brim with meat, and claim it as gifts for friends," he said.

The problem is that airport workers have no power to investigate their own suitcases. They can confiscate the meat, but they can't charge anyone with a crime unless they know the meat is being sold — and they have to be told of specific cases.

Those who slip past customs inspectors simply put the suitcase of meat in a waiting van — which moves the meat to secret stalls at local markets.

"There is monkey meat for sale here if people know you," said a vendor at one London market, where a whole smoked monkey fetches about $30.

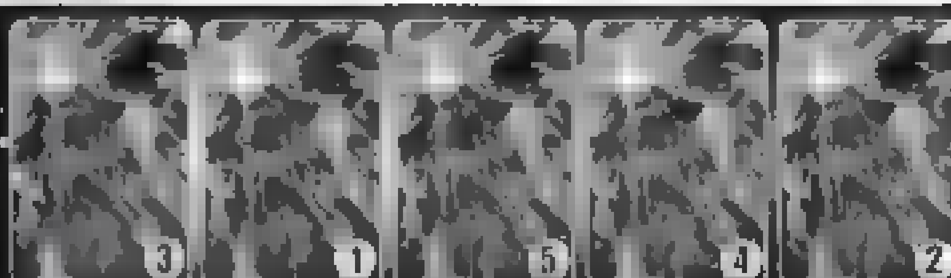
The bushmeat poaching hurts people too. Some African tribes eat bushmeat because it's their only source of protein. They kill a relatively small number of animals and hunt them only for their own survival. The mass poaching by greedy hunters is taking away their only source of food.

Learn your fortune & future with Serena Sabak's Magic Tarot Cards!

Learn what the future holds for you in matters of health, money and love with Weekly World News psychic Serena Sabak's Magic Tarot cards. Here's how:

1. Get comfortable, close your eyes and clear your mind.
2. Open your eyes and pick a card.
3. Turn to Page 44 and find your fortune under the number of the card you picked.

Says Serena, "Your reading will give you an impressive sneak peek of your future and enable you to see the shape of things to come."



FIND A MONKEY, WIN INSTANT CASH!

[illegible] swiped from [illegible] wallet!

You can win instant cash just by reading this week's issue of Weekly World News — and finding the monkey who swiped the boss' wallet. You'll win a nifty $5, $10, $20, $50, $100 or more — all the bills he pulls out for you!

All you have to do is find him — and the cash he's holding — on another page in this issue and mail us the number of the page. We'll draw one name from all correct entries.

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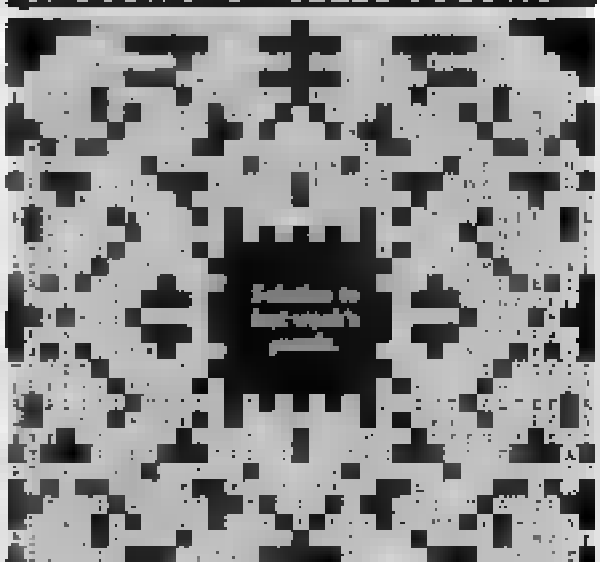

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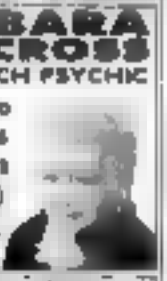

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GIANT Horoscope

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6

BY SERENA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Get ready for a fresh start this week if you are single.

Although you have strict rules about mixing business with pleasure, it won't hurt to bend them. Watch for your co-worker to take off shortly, especially concerning a vacancy yet to be filled.

Yellow is your lucky color. Be careful driving on even numbered days this week and get enough rest.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

You probably feel you've been on more than you can place temporarily, next week. You've let your generosity get the better of you.

Cut back except where love is concerned.

Catch up on your chores this weekend. A phone call or a mail brings terrific news and a romantic interlude brings pleasure on Saturday.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Concentrate on travel, family relations and dealing with the details this week.

Be prepared for a message from one who appears to be out to do you harm.

Read between the lines before reacting. It will save you an embarrassing moment.

On the weekend a chance to counter leads to romance.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

Back in the work, you find the pressures of juggling everything you have to do every day building to new heights. Still your initial reaction to go ballistic. A touch of green in your wardrobe and the numbers 13, 9, and 44 are lucky for you.

Perhaps the help has come to drive a troublesome relative, who disrupted her world and gives nothing in return.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

You can expect a few problems at work this week.

Moreover, after having a stand on Wednesday, you'll have enough talking.

One word you may regret spreading or misreading because of a tendency to assume or dead pan. Be there by noon.

Someone with an "E" in their name will try to cause trouble by spreading a nasty rumor about you. Laugh it off.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Be prepared for a confrontation with an annoying unmarried neighbor in search of a home this week.

Couples are groomed to earn more a month, and tender expressions of passion and love fill the leisure hours spent together.

A creative project gets full support and sends your spirits soaring. Celebrate with a loved one!

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Letters and phone calls that were from old pals spring an old friendship, and plans are laid for a reunion.

A phone call or e-mail on the weekend could lead to a welcome vacation later in the year, and will also bring good news regarding money.

A hunkybody will bring some shocking gossip about neighbors. Don't get involved!

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Time to take stock of personal priorities this week. Be practical, get rid of surplus, and organize your surroundings.

Misgivings, confusion exists because of you might frequent misdemeanors. A much needed and expected check could be delayed. Perhaps adding to the crisis situation.

The number 7 figures in some [illegible] for you.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

You are looking rushed and harried this week from a busy schedule and too many irons in the fire. Consolidate a little.

Your mate will thank you for it. Watch for a dark-haired person or one with glasses to help relieve pressures.

Good news arrives midweek, and money matters take a delightful upward turn. Wearing a touch of red in lingerie can't hurt matters.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Powers of perception are highlighted this week.

It is a good time to present unique concepts and ideas and develop long-range goals, otherwise all will be wasted.

Nagging doubts about the success of a new project will be laid to rest by Thursday, when a phone call or e-mail brings good news and the promise of big bucks.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

The inconsiderateness of a friend's treatment of you this week compel you to reevaluate the relationship.

You may be feeling rejected, but you know better.

Spend your leisure time with compatible friends. Take a night with your partner and you'll feel better.

Watch for a chance encounter in the grocery for some good news.

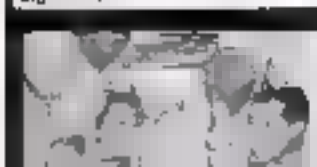
PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A lot of loving and sympathetic attitude this week will be needed to help your partner through a difficult period. Then love was a big waster!

Watch the mail for news that could result in an addition to your bank account.

Be wary of a looming battle with your boss. Avoid getting on bad wrong if possible.



If your birthday is this week . . .

They could be the best year you've had. You'll reunite with at least one long-lost [illegible] could be the most romantic period of your life.

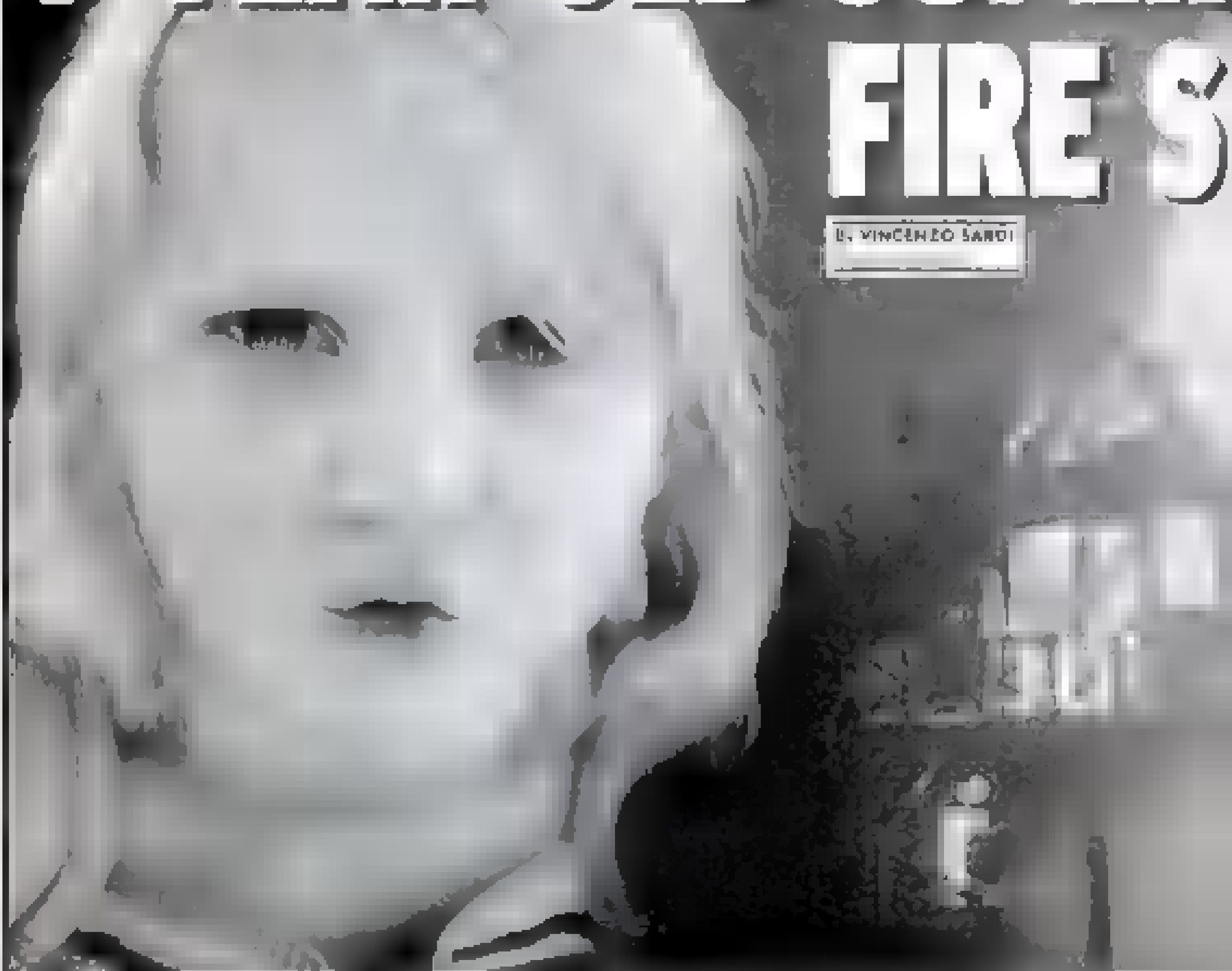
Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need three numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	7, 17, 24, 30, 31, 42
TAURUS	[illegible]
GEMINI	4, 19, 27, 33, 37, 43
CANCER	[illegible]
LEO	10, 13, 25, 37, 42, 46
VIRGO	[illegible]
LIBRA	2, 15, 26, 29, 39, 41
SCORPIO	[illegible]
SAGITTARIUS	5, 22, 29, 40, 47, 49
CAPRICORN	[illegible]
AQUARIUS	18, 20, 36, 39, 40, 45

7-YEAR-OLD SUPER FIRE S

By VINCENZO SARDI



A TANTRUM-TOSSING 7-year-old superbrat can set fires with her mind, just like the little girl in the cult horror film *Firestarter*, paranormal investigators claim.

Unlike the adorable tyke played by Drew Barrymore in the 1984 flick, tiny Anna Strueumer [illegible] tempered [illegible]. Swiss investigators say that in the past 12 months, the spoiled sprout has used her amazing [illegible]

[illegible] her brother's stuffed animals and toy soldiers to spontaneously combust.

● Sent a teacher screaming from the classroom with her dress on fire after the educator gave Anna [illegible]

[illegible] of her favorite flavor of ice cream.

● Burnt down the dollhouses of four girls she didn't like.

[illegible] investigators [illegible] possible [illegible]

[illegible] Moments later [illegible] mysteriously burst into flame and burned to a crisp.

"We can't explain this investigation [illegible]," says a police spokesperson in [illegible], Switzerland. "At the present time there is no [illegible]

[illegible] out her involvement."

[illegible] dangerous [illegible] has cost the Strueumers three houses and they now live in a small stone cottage outfitted entirely with fireproof furnishings.

Yet incredibly the doting dad and mom say they're not the least bit concerned by the tot's terrifying mental feats.

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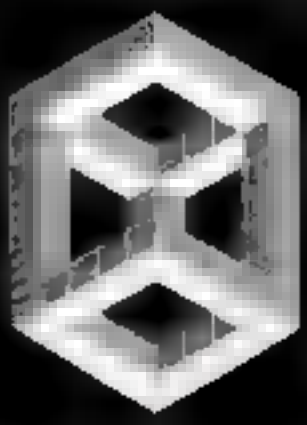

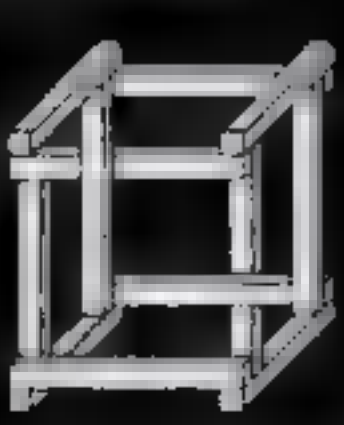

WORD PUZZLES

Can you figure these out? The puzzles solve to form a phrase or sentence. For example — in the puzzle to the right, the answer is "mind over matter." Give it a try and make your brain bigger! Check next week's issue for the solutions.

Example

MIND
MATTER

1) LARGE / LARGE / LARGE

2) HO + HO = HO HO

3) HOME

4) DASHOTRK

5) POMOMLICE

6) SGEG

7) W A T E R

8) coworderrt

9) R G reasy I N

10) P O O R

Solutions to last week's word puzzles:

1) basement before ground
2) Robert De Niro
3) beep — sheep
4) partly cloudy
5) mad about you
6) more harm than good
7) grown with envy
8) mixed up child
9) Frank Sinatra
10) dominoes

Your tarot fortune from Page 39 – REVEALED!

Card No. 3: King of Pentacles — MONEY MAN

Love: You will soon attend a party with a lot of guests, like a wedding. You'll have a fun time and, if you're looking for love, you could find someone special there.

Money: A considerable sum of money is coming to you because of an attractive man's advice. Trust a professional to help you invest it wisely.

Health: Self-imposed stress is playing havoc with your health. Once you make a certain decision (probably

Card No. 1: Four CROSSROADS

Love: You've come to the point in your love life where you can no longer continue the way you've been going. It must change, but the direction is entirely up to you.

Money: Oh my! Should you stay at the job you have or take the new one? Should you rent or buy? Which stock will go higher? Be assured that whatever you decide, it will work out fine.

Health: If you've been suffering from stomach acid or chest pains, it may be from worrying too much

Card No. 5: Knight of Swords CHARGING FORWARD!

Love: Whether single or committed, there's something or someone blocking the way to true happiness. It's not that big, you're just standing too close. Step back and you'll see a way around it.

Money: Nothing can stop the assumptions you've just started. From here on, it's full speed ahead on your favored track.

Health: If surgery has been recommended, it will be successful, so will any diet or exercise regimen you

Card No. 4: 3 of Cups CELEBRATION

Love: If a wedding, a romantic event or, or date will be important to your love life. He may be wedding or your work with romance. If a date, a woman expects financial support from you.

Money: If you've been forced down for a loan or a job, take heart. Wait a week and try again. The closing and your luck will be better then.

Health: You're in excellent health and you'll pass any medical tests with flying colors. If you've been

Card No. 2: 7 of Wands OBSTACLE

Love: If single, someone is about to crash into your life who is used to being in control. This person may lack warmth but is trustworthy. If committed, your relationship is about to get kicked up a notch.

Money: Congratulations! A positive turn of events will have you jumping for joy and you'll have enough cash to treat friends to a night on the town.

Health: Your health complaint is caused by a minor blockage or imbalance.

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IRAN TAKES AIM AT 'EVIL' BARBIE

IN an effort to counter the evil influence of America's Barbie doll, Iran has introduced its version of Barbie and Ken — twin dolls Dara and Sara, who promote traditional values with their modest clothing and pro-family stories.

The Dara and Sara dolls, one a boy and the other a girl, are an effort to counter the American dolls and accessories that have flooded the Iranian market. A government spokesman said young girls who play with Barbie, a doll he sees as "wanton," could grow into women who reject Iranian values.

"I think every Barbie doll is more harmful than an American missile," he said.

Man 'dying to be a woman' — dead after sex change

A JAPANESE man who reportedly had told friends he was "dying to be a woman" literally did so when he met his maker on an Osaka operating table following a sex-change operation.

The 25-year-old became a she only for a day after going to the Wada Keisei cosmetic surgery clinic.

The unfortunate "she-male's" condition worsened after leaving the operating room and the patient was rushed to a general hospital where the newly minted woman "drowned" the next day due to too much fluid in the lungs.

The case is being investigated for possible medical malpractice. A woman underwent surgery on her jaw at the same clinic in January, but later died in a hospital after she, too, suffocated in her own fluids.

Sex-change operations are relatively rare and new to Japan. The

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DUELING is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors. A large edible clam is called a geoduck. A whip makes a cracking sound because its tip moves faster than the speed of sound.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that editors and reporters at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

● Tough skin: The hides of mature female blue sharks are more than twice as thick as those of males, probably as a protection against courtship bites.

● "The mail of A.D. 2000 is sitting in his study At his elbow is a pot of synthetic coffee; in his fingers a letter delivered by rocket. Outside the sun is shining brightly, the result of climate control. In the background, a radio plays exotic music from a distant land, relayed by a space satellite." — Newsweek, Sept. 25, 1958.

● According to Newton's Law of Motion, when a car going 60 miles per hour in one direction gets hit by a mosquito going one mile per hour in the opposite direction, the car will slow down one-millionth of a mile per hour.

● He said it: "That any general system of conveying passengers would ... great a velocity exceeding 30 miles an hour, or thereabouts, is extremely improbable." Thomas Tredgold, British railroad designer, 1825.

● Baby food: Connecticut Frank Gerber's hometown Fremont, Mich., holds an annual baby food festival.

● The first motion picture copyrighted in the United States in 1894 showed a man sneezing.

● Famous last words: "Am I dying or is it my birthday?" — Lady Nancy Astor, (1879-1964) first female member of Parliament upon momentarily awakening on her deathbed and seeing her family surrounding her.

● Famous last words, pt. II: "This guy's got to stop ... he'll see us." — Artie James Dean (1931-1955) just before his Porsche collided with another car. His passenger, a short man, survived the wreck, as did the 23-year-old college student driving the other car.

● Racy state: Pennsylvania boasts the towns of Blue Ball, Climax, Desire and Intercourse.

● The sea slug feeds a charmed life. It does little more than eat, sleep, and copulate — sometimes in

The revamped Mickey Mouse Club on cable's Disney Channel proved to be a fertile garden for nurturing future stars. The youngsters who were on the show in the early 1990s who went on to bigger fame and fortune include pop singers Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Justin Timberlake and J.C. Chasez of 'NSYNC, and actress Keri

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The koala bear is the world's sleepiest animal, eating 2's by about 22 hours a day. The sloth slumbers about 20 hours a day.

slow orgies. A University of Miami researcher has observed as many as 10 slugs making love simultaneously.

● The accordion is the official musical instrument of Denver, Skokie, Ill., and St. Paul, Minn.

● U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt coined the expression "good to the last drop" which was later used by Maxwell House Coffee as its slogan.

● Some saints in the Middle Ages were dirty because they thought it would bring them closer to God. St. Anthony

Americans spend twice as much money annually on pornography as they do on cookies.

than steel — and more fascinating . . .

TRIVIA

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the largest ongoing community project in the world. Started in 1987, the quilt contains over 50,000 three-by-six-foot cloth panels — the equivalent of 24 football fields. The quilt memorializes individuals who have died of AIDS complications.

never washed his feet; St. Abraham never washed his hands or feet for 50 years; St. Sylvia only washed her fingertips.

● Amber (fossilized pine resin) was thought by some in ancient times to be solidified sunshine and by others to be the petrified tears of gods.

● According to the TV game show *Jeopardy!*, bananas are the No. 1 fruit in the U.S. and apples are second. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, apples are No. 1 and bananas are second.

● According to *The Wall Street Journal*, more blonde hair dye is sold in Dallas than in any other U.S. city.

● Interesting anagram: "Eleven plus two" uses all of the letters in "Twelve plus one."

● The letter "O" preceding some Irish names actually means "Grandson of."

● The brother of Popeye's girlfriend Olive was named Castor Oyl.

● Horror movie star Bela Lugosi was buried in his Dracula cape.

● According to historians, Cleopatra's first language was Greek; she also spoke Latin, Hebrew, Aramaic and Egyptian.

● The first manager for the Bee Gees (Brothers Gibb) was an Australian named Bill Gates.

● A sheep can remember another sheep's face for as long as two years, according to the Babraham Institute, Cambridge, England.

● Strange trio: What do Calif. Rep. Gary Condit (of Chandra Levy infamy), TV and film star George Clooney and Rich Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire? Rockwell have in common? They all had roles in a 1988 cult film, *Return of the Killer Tomatoes*. Of course, the movie's real stars were the homicidal tomatoes.

● The Coca-Cola company is the largest private employer in Africa.

● Because of the political contribution habits of the two soft drink companies, Democratic administrations traditionally serve Coca-Cola and Republicans serve Pepsi.

● "Heroin" was trademarked by the Bayer drug company in Germany in 1898.

● During the first month of bombing, the U.S. as part of the airborne food aid effort dropped an estimated 2.4 million Pop Tarts on Afghanistan.

● Shirley Temple holds the record as the youngest person to win an Oscar. She won an honorary one at age 6 "in grateful recognition of her outstanding contribution" to movies.

● The Top 4 booze-loving countries in the world: Luxembourg is No. 1 followed by France, Portugal, and Germany.

● The Statue of Liberty measures 35 feet from her waist to her elbow. The robe forms the outer shell of the statue, and there is no "torso" underneath.

● On TV game shows, a contestant who freezes before the camera is called a "Bambi," in reference to a deer paralyzed by the glare of headlights.

● In the kingdom of Bhutan, all citizens officially become a year older on New Year's Day.

● Famous last words: "Don't worry. It's not loaded." — Rock guitarist Terry Kath (Chicago), who died playing Russian roulette in January 1978.

● A cockroach heart is nothing but a simple tube with valves. The heart can even stop moving without harming the roach.

● Vatican City, Italy is the country with the world's lowest divorce rate: 0.

The early stage names of Sonny

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